## National Federation of Democratic Women Resolution on Sexual Assault on College Campuses

**WHEREAS** one in five women who attended college between 2011 and 2015 reported being sexually assaulted and one in sixteen men are sexually assaulted during their time in college; and

WHEREAS, campus sexual assault is a complete stain on our society, sending the wrong message to young women and men about how we value them, and furthermore the Violence Against Women Act condemns such unacceptable and deplorable conduct; and

**WHEREAS**, according to a 2014 report, forty-one percent of colleges had not conducted a single investigation into sexual violence on their campuses in the prior five years; and

**WHEREAS**, Title IX provides strict guidelines and legal procedures to handle sexual assault on college and university campuses to which these institutions must adhere.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the National Federation of Democratic Women shall support local, state, and federal legislation and policies to address sexual violence on college campuses.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the NFDW support the Campus Accountability and Safety Act that has been introduced in Congress.

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