



National Federation of Democratic Women  
Annual Convention

**Resolution Supporting Reform of the No Child Left Behind Legislation**

WHEREAS: The Democratic Party has long advocated the high quality public education and the equality of opportunity that are essential to America's democratic society; and

WHEREAS: Effective January 8, 2002, an act was signed by President George W. Bush to close the achievement gap with accountability, flexibility, and choice, so that no child is left behind, which may be cited as the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001; and

WHEREAS: The implementation of this act has, in many instances, resulted in reliance on standardized tests in reading and mathematics to the detriment of the wider curriculum; and

WHEREAS: President Obama in 2011 has challenged Congress to fix this legislation to include better assessment instruments used in their proper place in a curriculum that includes foreign languages, arts, music, up-to-date-technologies, and physical education; and

WHEREAS: In November 2009, the Woman's National Democratic Club adopted a position that the No Child Left Behind legislation should be revised, maintaining its purposes of accountability and closing the achievement gaps among income levels, but with measurements other than high stakes testing; and with full funding for all mandates;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the National Federation of Democratic Women hereby supports President Obama, state and local school boards, teachers' unions, parent organizations, and all groups working for revision of the No Child Left Behind legislation to include better assessment instruments used in their proper place in a rich curriculum in every school and full funding of all mandates;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Secretary of the National Federation of Democratic Women forward a copy of this resolution to all chartered National Federation of Democratic Clubs throughout the country.

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