

## **National Federation of Democratic Women**

### **Resolution in Appreciation of Joanne Sullivan's**

#### **Service to the NFDW**

**WHEREAS**, members recognize Joanne Sullivan for her service as the 21<sup>st</sup> President of the National Federation of Democratic Women for the term of office from June 2015 to June of 2017; and

**WHEREAS**, Joanne has dedicated her life to public service working to elect Democrats at the local, state and the federal level and has been involved in the political process for over twenty-seven years; and

**WHEREAS**, Joanne is a member of the Connecticut Federation of Democratic Women having served as President, Treasurer and Vice-President, and in 2005 was awarded the prestigious "Susan B. Anthony Award" by the Connecticut Federation of Democratic Women; and

**WHEREAS**, holding a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology and Elementary Education, a Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction, and a Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Reading and Educational Leadership, Joanne retired in 2013 after 36.5 years as an educator and school administrator, but remains actively involved in a wide variety of civic and political activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Joanne has been active in local and state politics serving on the East Hartford Town Council for eight years while raising three small children and working full time as an educator; and

**WHEREAS**, the first NFDW convention she attended was in 1996 in Puerto Rico, and she has continued to attend conventions for close to twenty-one years. Named the "Outstanding Member of the NFDW" in 2009, she served on the Nominating Committee in 2003 and 2011, was elected the 4<sup>th</sup> Vice-President in 2013 and served as Chair of the Resolutions Committee for four years; and

**WHEREAS**, she was appointed to act as the liaison to the 2015 NFDW Convention in Atlantic City by the NFDW Executive Board, she worked very closely with the members of the New Jersey Federation to ensure the event's success; and

**WHEREAS**, at the beginning of her term as NFDW President she rewrote the NFDW Handbook and represented the NFDW in Miami to submit a resolution honoring President Tsai Ing-wen, the first female head of state of Taiwan; and

**WHEREAS**, Joanne attended the 2016 Democratic National Committee Convention in Philadelphia and represented the NFDW at the DNC Executive Committee meetings; and

**WHEREAS** she has fulfilled all the functions of serving as NFDW President in an exemplary fashion, always in a professional, gracious and friendly manner.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Members of the NFDW appreciate all that Joanne Sullivan has done for the organization, women in politics and women everywhere; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the members of the NFDW thank Joanne Sullivan, wishing her the very best and look forward to sharing many future NFDW experiences and conventions with her.