

**National Federation of Democratic Women
Resolution Stands with Parents with Disabilities**

WHEREAS, parents with disabilities face pervasive stereotypes that often have devastating consequences; and

WHEREAS, about 19% of children in foster care have a parent with a disability and nearly one in 10 children in the United States are at risk of being removed from their homes by a child welfare agency simply because their parent has a disability, according to the 2012 Executive Summary of the National Council on Disability's report; and

WHEREAS, only about 6 % of all mothers in the U.S. have a disability, yet child removal rates can be as high as 40%-80% for parents with intellectual disabilities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the National Federation of Democratic Women demands that capable parents with disabilities have the right to raise their children and are provided support which benefits both parents and children in order to ensure a continuously intact family.

BE IT FURTHERE RESOLVED that the National Federation of Democratic Women supports legislation and all advocacy efforts to ensure the well-being of families and protect the rights of individuals with disabilities to parent.