Proposed new CFWC Resolution by Palomar District- January 26, 2016

Domestic Violence Victim’s Rights- Enforcement of Marsy’s Law

Whereas, Domestic Violence is a major public concern for our State and Nation and is one of the single largest causes of injury to women,

Whereas, On November 4, 2008, the voters of the State of California approved Proposition 9, the Victims’ Bill of Rights Act of 2008: Marsy’s Law (California Constitution, Article I, Section 28b), a measure to provide all victims with rights and due process.

Whereas, In a 1989 case called De Shaney v. Winnebago County, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that law enforcement has no affirmative obligation to act.

Whereas, Unless the ruling of De Shaney v. Winnebago County is changed, criminal justice officials will not be held legally accountable if they fail to protect the victim.

RESOLVED, That the members of GFWC California Federation of Women’s Clubs join together to support the enforcement of Marsy’s Law by:

* Urging California Legislators to ensure that criminal justice officials are held legally accountable for enforcing the Victim’s Bill of Rights Act of 2008: Marsy’s Law,
* Educating the public about victim’s rights,
* Supporting domestic violence shelters and by,
* Partnering with non-profit organizations that advocate for victim’s rights

Background information:

<http://www.cdcr.ca.gov/victim_services/Marsys_Law.html>

<https://supreme.justia.com/cases/federal/us/489/189/case.html>

<http://justicewomen.com/help_know_your_rights.html#intro>