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1 **SONOMA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION**
2 **SUPPORTING RATIFICATION OF THE CONVENTION ON THE ELIMINATION OF ALL**
3 **FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST WOMEN**

4 **WHEREAS**, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women
5 was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 18, 1979, became an
6 international treaty on September 3, 1981, and by 2002, 170 nations including all of the
7 industrialized world, except the United States, have agreed to be bound by the Convention's
8 provisions; and

9 **WHEREAS**, the United States supports and has a position of leadership in the United Nations,
10 and was an active participant in the drafting and is a signatory to the Convention; and the spirit
11 of the Convention is rooted in the goals of the United Nations, and the United States, to affirm
12 faith in fundamental human rights, in the equality and worth of human person, and in the equal
13 rights of men and women; and the Convention provides a comprehensive framework for
14 challenging the various forces that have created and sustained discrimination based on sex
15 against half the world's population, and the nations in support of the present Convention have
16 agreed to follow Convention prescriptions; and

17 **WHEREAS**, although women have had major gains in the struggle for equality in social,
18 business, political, legal, educational, and other fields in this country, there is much yet to be
19 accomplished and through its support, leadership and prestige, the United States can help
20 create a world where women are no longer discriminated against and have achieved one of the
21 most fundamental of human rights, equality;

22 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Sonoma County Democratic Central Committee
23 strongly urges the President and the Secretary of State to place this treaty, the United Nations
24 Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, in the highest
25 category of priority in order to accelerate the treaty's passage through the U.S. Senate Foreign
26 Relations Committee and the full U.S. Senate with the goal of United States ratification; and
27 exhorts the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee to pass this treaty favorably out of
28 Committee; and strongly urges the Senate of the United States to ratify the Convention and
29 support the Convention's continuing goals; and

30 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sonoma County Democratic Central Committee
31 distribute copies of this resolution to Senators Feinstein and Boxer, Representatives Woolsey
32 and Thompson, and such media outlets as the Public Relations Committee may deem
33 appropriate; and to Democratic clubs in Sonoma County, to all other California county
34 Democratic central committees, and to the California Democratic Party for consideration and
35 support; and that the Sonoma County Democratic Central Committee transmit such
36 correspondence as may advance the principles of this resolution.

37 Sponsored by Thomas Gangale
38 Chair, Issues and Legislation Committee, Sonoma County Democratic Party

39 Adapted from the Women Legislators' Lobby
40 <http://www.wand.org/will/cedaw-res.html>

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