



UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

San Francisco Chapter

RESOLUTION ON JOINING THE MOVEMENT TO RATIFY the Convention to Eliminate All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) AND the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UN CRC)

WHEREAS, On March 15, 2021, the United Nations Association of San Francisco (UNA SF) announced the launch of a "New Agenda on U.S. Human Rights," calling for U.S. ratification of the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), an international bill of rights for women, and the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child; and considering that the U.S. is just one of six U.N. Member States that has not ratified CEDAW, and the ONLY Member State not ratified the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child; and,

WHEREAS, In 1998, San Francisco became the first city in the world to enact a local measure reflecting the principles of CEDAW and, by pursuing aggressive policies and programs to advance women and girls, including ending domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking, has demonstrated the power of the CEDAW principles; and,

WHEREAS, In 2013, a broad coalition of women's organizations launched the "Cities for CEDAW" campaign, recruiting over 50 communities across the country to enact local CEDAW measures, including those in California, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Kentucky, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Utah, Wisconsin; and,

WHEREAS, The United Nations Association of San Francisco has taken the lead on this new national movement to ratify the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women and the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child, and convened a Steering Committee composed of President Mary Steiner, Board Members Srujana Kaddevarmuth, Young Professional Member, Micaela Leonarte Paredes, Communications Committee Member Jennipha Lauren Nielsen, as well as Advisory Board Members Antonia Balkanska Lavine and Dr. Emily Murase,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the undersigned joins the "Ratify Movement" to urge U.S. ratification of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and commits to education and advocacy in support of the movement.

Adopted in June 19th, 2021, in San Francisco, California, USA, by the United Nations Association, USA, San Francisco.

Signed: