**LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION FOR 2019**

**Restore Funding for New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women**

WHEREAS, the New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women (NMCSW) was established by state statue in 1974; and

WHEREAS, the NMCSW created a state-wide nationally acclaimed Girls Program/Girls Institute and won an Emmy award for its NM Girls documentary; and

WHEREAS, the NMCSW Displaced Homemaker Office provided statewide workshop and trainings to displaced homemakers, veterans and survivors of domestic violence; and

WHEREAS, the NMCSW provided one-on-one mentoring for job search, resume writing and assistance with navigating emergency support services; and

WHEREAS, the NMCSW proved a statewide toll-free information help line to assist women and girls outside of the greater Albuquerque area; and

WHEREAS the NMCSW provided a working community room with fax, printers and computers for use by women and girls; and

WHEREAS, the NMCSW published a first-time county by county report on various status of New Mexico Women; and

WHEREAS, the NMCSW managed the TEAMWORKS program that provided the only TANF Welfare-to Work program for single mothers; and

WHEREAS the NMCSW established the annual Governor’s Outstanding New Mexico Women’s Award and recognized women statewide for their service to New Mexico; and

WHEREAS, the NMCSW collaborated with volunteers to provide direct services throughout the state to women; and

WHEREAS, in January 2011, Governor Susanna Martinez successfully recommended to eliminate 100% of the NMCSW budget for FY12, effectively shutting the Commission’s doors on July 2011,

THEREFORE, the New Mexico Federation of Democratic Women which includes greater than 500 members, urges the 2019 Legislature to restore enough funding to the NMCSW so that it can once again provide services and operate effectively to reach their goals which would positively impact women and girls. The women and girls of our state deserve no less