

Provincial Resolutions and Legislation Standing Committee

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Inspired by the Spirit, Women Respond to God's Call

Greetings Everyone I hope you are all healthy and in good Spirit. This is my final communiqué as Provincial Chairperson of the Resolutions and Legislation Standing Committee. What a wonderful term this has been for me. Resolutions and Legislation took us on a very interesting journey, doing research, becoming more aware and informed. Reflecting back over the past two years I realize just how blessed I am to be a member of the Catholic Women's League and to be able to rely on my sisters in the League when I could not fulfill my duties to the fullest. Thank you everyone for stepping in!

Resolutions I have received a Communiqué from our National Chairperson of Resolutions Joan Bona, with the Resolutions mini theme – **(On Your Mark, Get Set, Go)** To view Joan's Communiqué #3 for some easy steps to follow that will be very helpful when preparing to begin the resolutions process, please check out the following website: www.cwl.ca/category/communiques/resolutions-communiques/

With much help and advice we were very successful in 2016 compiling a resolution to *Ban Synthetic Petroleum Dyes from Children's Medicines* which was adopted at the Provincial Annual General Meeting. Afterwards and once again with much help and advice we redrafted the resolution and forwarded it on to the National Resolution Committee for their acceptance and input where it was re named, re giggered and presented to the National General Assembly and approved as National Resolution 2016:0, *Warning Labels on Food and Drug Products for all Inactive Substances and Additives*. Yes, it takes time, involving others through team work and it is well worth it whether it is adopted or not, we have brought awareness to the issue. We Have Reached Our Goal!

Legislation Nancy Simms, National Chairperson of Legislation has also sent Communiqué #3 encouraging councils to act upon the issues they are most passionate about. Through letter writing members become, "*social justice in action!*" As well, Nancy has included an update on a list of Bills related to League policies or resolutions that are before the House of Commons or Senate:

Bill C-277 *Framework on Palliative Care in Canada Act*, passed second reading in the House of Commons unanimously and has been referred to the Standing Committee on Health for consideration.

We are encouraged to write letters in support of this Bill and send them to the Standing Committee. Sixth Floor, 131 Queen Street, House of Commons, Ottawa ON, K1A 0A6 or e-mail them to HESA@parl.gc.ca. The Bill supports **Resolution 2016.04** Amend the Canada Health Act to Identify Palliative Care as an Insured Health Service.

Bill C-37 *an Act to Amend the Controlled Drugs and Substance Act and to make related amendments to other Acts*, has passed through the House into Senate and has been referred to the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs. Letters of support may be written to the Standing Committee. Also, **Bill C-324** *An Act to amend Controlled Drugs and Substances Act (production of a trafficking in substances)* has had first reading in the House.

Both Bills support **Resolution 2005.07** Illegal Manufacture and Trafficking of Crystal Methamphetamine.

Bill C-226 *Impaired Driving Act*, passed second reading in the House and has been referred to the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security. This act would increase the penalty for repeat offenders and includes drugs as well as alcohol. We encourage letters of support to be sent the standing committee c/o the

address noted above or e-mail them to SECU@parl.gc.ca. This Bill supports **Resolution 1988.11** Alcohol Advertising in the Broadcast Media.

Bill C-211 *Federal Framework on Post-traumatic Stress Disorder Act*, would enable governments to work together to develop a comprehensive federal framework for this disorder that effects many in society including those in the military. This Bill has gone through second reading in the house and was referred to the Standing Committee on health. We encourage letters to be written to members of parliament (MPs), and to the National Ministers of Health, Defence, veterans affairs, as well as to the associate minister of National Defence along with letters to the Prime Minister (PM).

Bill C-262 *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of indigenous Peoples Act* and **Bill C-332** *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Reporting Act* have had first reading in the House and support **Resolution 2013.01** *Building and Partnerships with Canada's Indigenous People*. We are encouraged to write to our MPs, the Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs, and to the Prime Minister,

Bill C-361 *An Act to Amend the Canada Revenue Agency Act (organ donors)* has had first reading in the House. This Bill would authorize the Canada Revenue Agency to collect information for provincial or territorial organ donation registries and would support

Resolution 2011.03 National Organ and issue Donation and Transplantation Registr. We are encouraged to write letters of support to MPs and the PM.

Bill C-321 *An Act to Amend the Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 (prohibition of asbestos)* and **Bill C-329** *An Act to Amend the Canadian Environmental Act, 1999 (asbestos)* both have had first reading in the house and both support **Resolution 2010.01** Chrysotile Asbestos. We are encouraged to write letters to the Minister of Environment and to the prime Minister.

Bill C-336 *Right to Know Act* has had first reading in the House and would prohibit toxic substances, supporting **Resolution 2008.03** Toxic Substances in Household Products. We are encouraged to write letters too MPs and to the Prime Minister.

Bill C-11 *An Act to Amend the Copyright Act (access to copyrighted works or other subject-matter for persons with perceptual disabilities)* became Law on June 22, 2016. This will benefit those with disabilities in the workplace as it will allow for those with perceptual disabilities to access materials in a format they can use without breaking copyright laws and supports **Resolution 2002.3** Accessibility of the Workplace for Persons with Disabilities.

May Our Lady of Good Council be with us Always

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