



Huntsville, Alabama

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Cover Memo

Meeting Type: City Council Regular Meeting **Meeting Date:** 2/13/2025

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Department: City Council

Subject:

Type of Action: Approval/Action

Resolution honoring the 25th anniversary of General Federation of Women's Clubs.

Resolution No.

Finance Information:

Account Number: N/A

City Cost Amount: N/A

Total Cost: N/A

Special Circumstances:

Grant Funded: N/A

Grant Title - CFDA or granting Agency: N/A

Resolution #: N/A

Location: (list below)

Address: N/A

District: District 1 District 2 District 3 District 4 District 5

Additional Comments:

N/A

RESOLUTION 25-

WHEREAS, the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama wish to recognize and extend congratulatory praise to the GFWC Legacy as they celebrate their 25th year of Living the Volunteer Spirit; and

WHEREAS, founded nationally in 1890, the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) traces its roots back to 1868. It began when Jane Cunningham Croly, a journalist, was denied entry to an all-male press club event. Outraged by this exclusion, Croly established her own club exclusively for women. On April 24, 1890, 63 individual women's clubs ratified the GFWC constitution, officially forming the organization. Today, with over 80,000 members across affiliated clubs in every U.S. state, the District of Columbia, and more than a dozen countries, the GFWC unites women worldwide in the pursuit of personal growth and collective empowerment; and

WHEREAS, established in 2000, GFWC Legacy is a nonprofit women's community service club operating under the Alabama Federation of Women's Clubs and the General Federation of Women's Clubs. It provides a welcoming space for women to harness their talents and skills in service of their local community, state, and beyond. Through hands-on initiatives, financial contributions, and awareness programs, GFWC Legacy is dedicated to making a positive and lasting impact on the lives of others.; and

WHEREAS, GFWC Legacy is dedicated to empowering women by offering opportunities to actively engage in the communities where they live and work. The club provides a unique platform for women to connect on a global scale, fostering relationships with individuals from diverse cultural, socio-economic, religious, and political backgrounds. Through this network, members are inspired to step out of their comfort zones, embrace leadership roles, and make meaningful contributions to their communities; and

WHEREAS, GFWC Legacy has a proud history of supporting a wide range of impactful organizations and initiatives. Past projects have included contributions to the Alzheimer's Association, Manna House, North Alabama Foster Care Closet, Kids to Love, St. Jude Regional Clinic, First Stop, Crisis Services of North Alabama, the National Children's Advocacy Center, Tut Fann Veteran's Home, Still Serving Veterans, various hospice and nursing homes, multiple public schools, the Huntsville-Madison County Public Library, and Ditto Landing, among others; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, GFWC Legacy established its Annual Scholarship, awarding the first scholarship to a local high school female in recognition of her volunteer efforts. This tradition continues, with two scholarships awarded in 2020 to deserving young women. Additionally, GFWC Legacy proudly sponsors the GFWC Serenity Juniorettes, a volunteer organization for high school girls passionate about giving back to their communities. Chartered in 2009, the GFWC Serenity Juniorettes celebrated their 15th anniversary in April 2024. Many of these young women have returned to the Huntsville-Madison County area after college and continued their commitment to service by becoming active members of GFWC Legacy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council and Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama, that we wish to recognize and express congratulations and appreciation

to GFWC Legacy women for their continued charitable work and a hearty congratulations on the club celebrating its 25th anniversary.

ADOPTED this the ___ day of _____, 2025.

President of the City Council of
the City of Huntsville, Alabama

APPROVED this the ___ day of _____, 2025.

Mayor of the City of Huntsville, Alabama