

**A RESOLUTION OF THE WOMEN'S CAUCUS OF THE
PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRATIC STATE COMMITTEE TO
INCREASE WOMEN IN ELECTIVE OFFICE IN PA**

Whereas Pennsylvania has one of the worst records for women in elective office;
and

Whereas Pennsylvania has 0 women leaders statewide in the legislative and
executive branches; and

Whereas Pennsylvania has 0 women at the federal level in the legislative and
executive branches, two male Senators and 18 Congressmen and has never had a
female governor; and

Whereas Pennsylvania was just rated 49th out of 50 in the number of women in
elective office and graded an F by Representation 20/20.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOMEN'S CAUCUS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRATIC
STATE COMMITTEE REQUEST THAT PENNSYLVANIA DEMOCRATIC STATE
COMMITTEE WORK TOWARD A GOAL OF ELECTING AT LEAST 30% (THE NUMBER
DEFINDED AS NEEDED TO CHANGE POLITICAL CULTURE) FEMALES CANDIDATES
AT THE STATE LEVEL AND 30% AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL BEGINNING WITH THE
2018 ELECTION CYCLE WITH A MINIMUM OF 30% OF THE RESOURCES
(CAMPAIGN FUNDS GIVEN TO CANDIDATES AND STAFFING) DEVOTED TO THEM.
THIS WOULD INCLUDE THE ASSOCIATED GROUPS THAT WORK WITH THE PARTY
INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE DEMOCRATIC
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE AND THE PENNSYLVANIA SENATE DEMOCRATIC
CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE MEASURE AND MONITOR OUR RESULTS IN 2018 AND
CONTINUE TO DO SO UNTIL WE REACH APPROPRIATE PARITY WITH GENDER IN
THE COMMONWEALTH.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNTIES WORK FOR THESE GOALS AT THE LOCAL,
STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS.

Passed unanimously by the Women's Caucus of the Pennsylvania Democratic State
Committee.

Date 10th day of June 2017.

Respectfully submitted to Democratic State Committee with State Committee input,
Mary Ellen Balchunis, Ph.D., Member, Women's Caucus
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