

GENERAL FEDERATION of WOMEN'S CLUBS

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GFWC Charter

AN ACT

Granting a charter to the General Federation of Women's Clubs

SEC. 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That

- a) Mrs. Rebecca D. Lowe, Atlanta, Georgia; Mrs. Dimies T. S. Denison, New York, New York; Miss Margaret J. Evans, Northfield, Minnesota; Mrs. Emma A. Fox, Detroit, Michigan; Mrs. George W. Kendricks, Junior, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Mrs. Emma M. Van Vechten, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Mrs. George H. Noyes, Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Mrs. Edward L. Buchwalter, Springfield, Ohio; Mrs. William J. Christie, Butte, Montana; Mrs. William T. Coad, Rapid City, South Dakota; Mrs. Laura Rockwell Priddy, Wichita, Kansas; Mrs. Frank Sherwin Streeter, Concord, New Hampshire; Mrs. Anna D. West, Sommerville, Massachusetts; Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks, Indiana; Mrs. Lucia E. Blount, Washington, District of Columbia; Mrs. Ralph Trautman, New York; Mrs. John L. McNeil, Colorado; Mrs. Mary S. Lockwood, Washington, District of Columbia; Mrs. May Wright Sewall, Indiana; Mrs. J. C. Croly, New York; Miss Mary V. Temple, Tennessee; Mrs. Phoebe A. Hearst, California; Mrs. Kate Tannett Woods, Massachusetts; Mrs. Julia Plato Harvey, Illinois; Mrs. Jane O. Cooper, Colorado; Mrs. Harriet H. Robinson, Massachusetts; Mrs. Ellen M. Henrotin, Illinois; Mrs. Mary E. Mumford, Pennsylvania; Mrs. C. P. Barnes, Kentucky; Mrs. Philip N. Moore, Missouri, Mrs. Alice Ives Breed, Massachusetts; Mrs. Frank Trumbell, Colorado; Miss Annie Laws, Ohio; Mrs. Sarah S. Platt-Decker, Colorado; Mrs. J. C. Royle, Utah; Josephine Bates, Mary Rogers, Octavia W. Bates, Fannie Purdy Palmer, Julia Ward Howe, Cordelia I. Sterling, Katherine Nobles, Mary D. Steel, and their associates and successors, are hereby created a body corporate and politic of the District of Columbia, by the name, style and title of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, and by that name shall have perpetual succession.
- b) The General Federation of Women's of Women's Club shall be organized and operated exclusively for the charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 and shall otherwise comply with any requirements for classification as an exempt organization under such section. Said charitable purpose shall be achieved through volunteer efforts on the part of the membership of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, specifically including arts programs, conservation programs, education programs, home life programs, international affairs, public affairs programs, advancing information regarding public affairs, and community improvement programs.
- c) In the event of the dissolution of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, its board of directors shall liquidate and distribute its assets to organizations qualified as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 with purposes similar to those of the General Federation of Women's Clubs.

SEC. 2. That said corporation is authorized to acquire, by devise, bequest, or otherwise, hold, purchase, and convey, such real and personal estate as shall or may be required for the purposes of its incorporation with authority in said corporation, should it be by it deemed necessary to do so, to mortgage or otherwise encumber the real estate which it may hereafter own or acquire, and may give therefore such evidences of indebtedness as such corporation may decide upon.

SEC. 3. That said corporation shall have a constitution and may adopt and make by-laws for the admission and qualifications of members, the management of its property, and the regulation of its affairs, and shall have the power to amend said constitution and by-laws at pleasure. Said corporation shall have its headquarters at Washington, in the District of Columbia.

SEC. 4. That said corporation be, and it is hereby, authorized to hold its meetings at such places outside of Washington, in the District of Columbia, as it from time to time may deem best.

Enacted by Congress of the United States of America on December 3, 1900

Approved March 3, 1901 by President William McKinley

Amended by the second session of the 56th Congress of the United States of America on December 7, 1903

Approved April 28, 1904 by Theodore Roosevelt

Original filed at the Department of State with seal affixed by John Hay, Secretary of State on December 12, 1904

Amended by the second session of the 67th Congress of the United States of America on December 5, 1921

Approved April 26, 1922 by President Warren G. Harding

Amended by the second session of the 73rd Congress of the United States of America on January 3, 1934

Approved June 7, 1934 by Franklin Roosevelt

Amended December 15, 1975

Amended August 7, 1986