

## **Resolution: Supporting Workforce Development Initiatives**

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**WHEREAS**, the National Foundation for Women Legislators (NFWL) identifies that workforce development efforts are necessary to create better professional opportunities for students, graduates, displaced workers, and other current and prospective members of the labor pool to develop a productive workforce that is trained and ready to satisfy staffing needs of the country's employers; and

**WHEREAS**, the NFWL encourages its elected members to continue to partner with regional employers to identify critical staffing needs and the skills required to fill them; and

WHEREAS, the NFWL is ideally situated to collect and disseminate best practices, case studies, and policy options to enhance workforce development throughout the country; and

**WHEREAS**, the NFWL recognizes that, despite past and ongoing regional workforce development successes, significant challenges remain. Certain industries currently face severe personnel shortages, while many graduates and other members of the labor pool are unable to find work for which they are qualified; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that members of the National Foundation for Women Legislators are committed to identifying innovative approaches to engage their citizens in need of career advancement opportunities to business sectors with employment vacancies to be filled.