Resolution Supporting Investment in Fleet Electrification

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress is preparing to make an unprecedented investment in electric transportation technologies, including EV charging infrastructure as well as electric transit buses, school buses, ports, and other applications;

WHEREAS, major fleet operators, including commercial and public entities, are increasingly preparing to electrify their fleets to meet sustainability goals and to reduce operational costs;

WHEREAS, the U.S. government and individual states are considering regulations to reduce emissions from fleet vehicles, including medium- and heavy-duty trucks;

WHEREAS, vehicle manufacturers and technology suppliers are investing in R&D and manufacturing to dramatically scale-up electric vehicle (EV) production over the next decade;

WHEREAS, the scale of the effort needed to transform the transportation sector over the coming decades necessitates leveraging public and private investments for maximum effect;

WHEREAS, electricity is an underutilized, domestically-produced transportation fuel that can transform our nation’s transportation sector through the increased use of electric passenger and public transit vehicles, city and private sector fleets and other transportation facilities;

WHEREAS, electric transportation can provide benefits to all consumers (including the socioeconomically disadvantaged), advance economic development, create jobs, provide grid services, integrate more renewable energy, and reduce air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions while improving air quality and public health;

WHEREAS, the successful expansion of electric transportation relies upon the buildout of new electric and other infrastructure whereby collaboration among cities, states, and localities is needed in order to work more closely with electric utilities and technology providers to link intelligent transportation planning decisions more closely with energy and other infrastructure providers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The National Foundation for Women Legislators calls on Congress and the Administration to work with states to ensure that federal dollars complement – and do not displace – investment from states, the private sector, and other entities so that federal investment is leveraged to its fullest extent; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that The National Foundation for Women Legislators expressly encourages collaboration within the states, including state government, electric utilities, technology companies, customers, and other stakeholders, to ensure that federal funds are wisely invested to deploy transformative and innovative technologies.