

## **REMOVAL OF CONFEDERATE FLAGS, STATUES, AND MONUMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

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**WHEREAS**, National Organization for Women (NOW) recognizes that the United States of America has a long-standing history with deep-rooted racial slavery, oppression, and violence against Persons of Color, to include, but not limited to African Americans/descendants of the African diaspora, Latino Americans, Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders, and Native Americans/Indigenous Persons of America; and

**WHEREAS**, a product of historical and systematic racism has led to various states in America creating and glorifying confederate flags, statues, and monuments of American historical leaders who actively participated and/or glorified oppressive movements such as segregation and marginalization of Persons of Color in America, on public display at state and federal buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, The National Organization for Women (NOW) understands and acknowledges the historical context of these monuments, which have had intentional impact towards the oppression and marginalization of citizens, immigrants, and refugees living in the United States of America such as but not limited to racial trauma, discrimination, and racially motivated violence; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that NOW supports the removal of Confederate flags, statues, and monuments from public places such as parks, buildings, and other facilities that glorify oppressive and racist historical leaders in American history; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that NOW supports the movement of these statues to museums or other educational places where they can be displayed in a transparent context and serve for an educational purpose, which identifies the structural racism that co-exists with honoring American historical leaders deeply entrenched in racially violent and oppressive movements.