

**THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN DEMANDS AID TO PUERTO RICO, DC,
US TERRITORIES AND PROTECTORATES**

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WHEREAS, an estimate of more than 5,000 fellow Americans have perished in the aftermath of Hurricanes Irma and Maria; and

WHEREAS, an estimate of more than 400,000 Puerto Ricans have been compelled to leave their homeland and move to mainland United States (US), mostly to Florida; and

WHEREAS, an additional 114,000 to 213,000 individuals are expected to arrive on mainland US in the next two years; and

WHEREAS, to date too many Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico are still without basic needs: potable water, food, medical supplies, electricity, etc.; and

WHEREAS, many Puerto Ricans who have arrived to mainland US are without basic needs and services: housing, jobs, food, education, etc.; and

WHEREAS, America did not abandon residents of Houston, New Orleans, cities in Florida and other residents from tempest storms; and

WHEREAS, the US Government's response has been shamefully inadequate or nonexistent before, during and after the horrendous disasters that have decimated Puerto Ricans and their homeland;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we must not abandon fellow Americans living in Puerto Rico and those who have escaped with their lives to mainland US; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that NOW condemns the racially discriminatory actions of the Trump Administration in withholding adequate aid to the citizens of the US living in Puerto Rico and other US territories; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that equal resources be granted to the cities of the District of Columbia, US Territories, such as Puerto Rico, US Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Protectorates of Micronesia to combat the damages caused by natural disasters as cities in the United States; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that NOW demands that more federal assistance and more resources be given to Puerto Ricans in Puerto Rico and on mainland US until their living conditions are stable and until they are welcomed into existing communities with the services afforded all other Americans in dire need.