

RESOLUTION

NO. R- 16-402

CITY HALL: August 25, 2016

BY: COUNCILMEMBERS  CANTRELL,  HEAD,  WILLIAMS,  GUNDRY,  RAMSEY,
 BROSSETT AND  GRAY

WHEREAS, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women treaty (CEDAW) was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly as an international bill of rights for women on December 18, 1979, affirming principles of fundamental human rights and equality for women around the world; and

WHEREAS, CEDAW became an international treaty as of September 3, 1981, with 187 United Nations member nations having agreed to be bound by CEDAW's provisions; and

WHEREAS, although women have made gains in the struggle for equality in many fields, much more needs to be accomplished to fully eradicate discrimination based on gender and to achieve one of the most basic human rights, equality; and

WHEREAS, 30% of women in New Orleans and 56% of female-headed households with children in New Orleans have an income under the federal poverty line, a rate that is much higher for women than for men; and

WHEREAS, Louisiana women on average make only 65 cents for every dollar made by men; and

WHEREAS, although women make up 52% of the state population only 12.5% of Louisiana State Legislature seats are held by women; and

WHEREAS, City and Parish governments have an appropriate and legitimate role in eliminating all forms of discrimination against women; **NOW THEREFORE**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, That the City of New Orleans is committed to eliminating all forms of discrimination against women and girls, and to affording them equal academic, economic and business opportunities in New Orleans and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That using the principles of CEDAW, the City Council will work with partner organizations to support research on gender equality and to promote the advancement of women in public service through the passage of local legislation.

THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION WAS READ IN FULL, THE ROLL WAS CALLED ON THE ADOPTION THEREOF, AND RESULTED AS FOLLOWS:

YEAS:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

AND THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.