

SAMPLE

Proclamation for the 30th Anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action

WHEREAS: the UN's Fourth World Conference on Women was held in Beijing China thirty years ago in Sept 1995, declaring a Platform for Action to assure the rights of women and girls.

WHEREAS: the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action provides a significant opportunity to reflect on the progress made, recognize the ongoing challenges and renew our commitment to gender equality both globally and within our local communities.

WHEREAS : at the Beijing Conference, the world was reminded that "Human rights are women's rights and women's rights are human rights, once and for all."

WHEREAS: at the Beijing Conference, 189 nations including the US, officially adopted the Beijing Platform for Action which has become the blueprint for advancing the rights of women and girls.

WHEREAS: the Beijing Platform for Action addressed 12 key areas of concern – women in poverty; education and training for women; healthcare for women; violence against women; women in armed conflict; women and the economy; women in decision-making, women in the media; women and the environment; institutional mechanisms as well as the human rights of women and the girl child.

WHEREAS: progress has been made in meeting these challenges in many of these action areas (insert local examples) in (insert name of city, state) much still remains to be done in realizing the goal of equal rights for women and girls.

WHEREAS: humanity must come to a place where people not only say that "women's rights are human rights," but it must be believed in principle and acted upon with concrete steps to bring women's and girls' rights to parity with those of men and boys.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: (Insert name of government entity or person in charge) proclaim " 2025 Year of Celebration for the 30th Anniversary of the Beijing Platform for Action," a time to undertake real actions to make equal rights for women at reality in (insert name of city, state).



Want to Celebrate Beijing +30? Publicize Beijing +30 Locally with Proclamations

An easy way to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the adoption of the Beijing Platform for Action and to bring more attention and publicity to your local organization's efforts to advance women's rights, is to ask your local government for an "Official Proclamation" about it.

What does the process entail?

Mayors, City Councils, County, State Assemblies and Senates are usually more than happy to agree to pass proclamations to oblige constituents and to support local causes. They do a lot of them and most government entities have specific forms and information on how to apply for them on their local websites. If they do not, you can call their offices and ask for assistance of a staff member who can tell you what the process is to obtain one.

What to include in the Proclamation?

The US Women's Caucus has attached a template for you to use. You can tailor it to suit your organization. You can add additional information and statistics to enhance the appropriateness of the proclamation locally or publicize local projects that you think need recognition and support.

Goal for 2025

Let's try to have 100 B+30 proclamations by the end 2025 from all over the US. We will publish them online and let the US Congress know about local support for the Beijing Platform !

Still have questions?

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Please join us & send us a copy of your proclamations!