

**Legislation/Public
Policy/Resolutions Committee**
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What a great year we had in 2019! We asked for support of the GFWC Grand Initiative of signing up members for the Legislative Action Center and you reported 475 members were signed up in 2019. You also supported the new GFWC Brand Initiatives introduced by President Brock in 2019. GFWC Florida clubs reported 830 calls and emails made to legislators in support of the Miranda Vargas School Bus Safety Act and 732 calls and emails made to legislators in support of the 3D Printed Gun Law. Wow! Give yourselves a hand!

In 2019, we also passed a Florida resolution seeking club support for the nomination of May Mann Jennings to the Florida Women's Hall of Fame. When asked to write letters to the Florida Commission on the Status of Women and Governor DeSantis in support of the nomination, you exceeded the expectations. While May didn't make it in this time, she made the top ten for the first time in the history of being nominated by GFWC Florida. That's quite an accomplishment. She has automatically been nominated for the 2020 selection process and your support will be needed to again reach the top ten and the goal of top three. However, due to the current pandemic that is obviously the top priority around the world, the deadline to nominate was extended to May 15 at the end of this administration. Please support the next chairman and President in this endeavor with the same level of enthusiasm you have shown this administration.

We appreciate all of you who were able to attend the LEAD summit put on by the Florida Commission on the Status of Women both in 2019 and 2020. Both years provided a great opportunity for GFWC Florida to make our presence known while we also learned about the legislative process among other things. Hopefully, we can continue to attend this annual event!

Coming up, on April 24, 2020, GFWC Federation Day marks the 130th anniversary of GFWC's founding. This year, club members, together with family and friends, are asked to call, email or write their United States Senators and Representatives and urge them to pass Miranda's Law(S 1787 and HR 2793) and the 3D Printed Gun Safety Act(S 1831 and HR 3265). Information on these bills can be found at the Legislative Action Center. Please mark your calendars but don't worry, a reminder will be sent through Membership Monday over the next few weeks.

Assuming our convention can go forward in May 2020, please review the resolutions section of the Call which includes a brand-new resolution submitted by the Woman's Club of Coconut Grove and revisions to the existing May Mann Jennings Resolutions. We are excited to have another new resolution this convention for your consideration!

Thank you for two wonderful years in Legislation, Public Policy and Resolutions. What a pleasure it has been to serve with fellow clubwomen who came through every time they were asked to advocate or support something! You can all be proud of the difference you are making every day in our communities, state and the world.

Please stay healthy and at home (at least for now)!

Kelly Holmes ✓