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## **Zonta International Resolution on Violence Against Women (VAW)**

### **Zonta International Strategies To Eradicate Violence Against Women And Children (ZISVAW)**

For 50 years Zonta International, in partnership with the United Nations, has focused on recognizing women's rights. Zonta International held a summit to determine the causes, costs and consequences of, and possible solutions to, issues surrounding violence against women.

**WHEREAS:** Zonta International worldwide has selected the eradication of violence against women of all generations as a service focus locally and internationally

#### ***Be it resolved therefore that:***

1. Zonta International, utilizing its membership and drawing upon diverse international expertise and resources, will develop strategies to eradicate violence against women.
2. Zontians in their clubs will select issues of concern and generate a plan of action for their summit meetings.
3. Zonta International regional summit meetings will include all concerned members of the community, government agencies, organizations and associations, recognizing that violence against women is an issue that affects mankind.
4. Zonta International will develop an International Resource Centre and Advisory Council to enhance the capacity to monitor legislation and advocate for the elevation of women's social status, guaranteeing their rights as human rights.
5. Zonta International will promote education regarding women's rights, to create an environment of gender equality in family life, in the sphere of education, in the work place, and in government.
6. Zonta International will increase efforts to provide social, emotional, financial, health and environmental well-being and security for the empowerment of women of all generations through advocacy within the legal, medical, and public safety systems.

***Adopted at the 54<sup>th</sup> Zonta International Convention in Paris, France, July 1998***

**Sources:**

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- UN Platform for Action – VAW (<http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/beijing/platform/violence.htm>)
- United Nations Office (<http://www.un.org/rights/dpi1772e.htm>)
- World Health Organisation (<http://www.who.int/inf-fs/en/fact239.html>)