

## Resolution No. 7061

### *A Resolution Supporting Cities for the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) Initiative and Support of the Principles of the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women at the Local Level*

**WHEREAS**, CEDAW was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 18, 1979, and became an international treaty as of September 3, 1981, and 189 UN member nations have 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**, In 2014 Minnesota passed the Women's Economic Security Act (WESA) Which included steps toward closing the gender pay gap, expanding family and sick leave for working families, helping older women be economically secure, and providing support for women-owned small businesses; and

**WHEREAS**, The Red Wing City Council supports the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and its aspiration for equal rights for 'all members of the human family; and

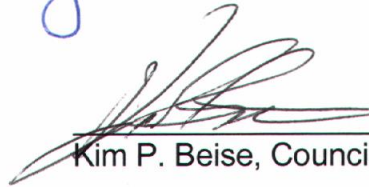
**WHEREAS**, The Red Wing City Council desires to ensure that women and girls who live in Red Wing enjoy all the rights and privileges and remedies that are bestowed on all people in the U. S. no matter race, national origin, gender, or religious belief, and with a purpose to claim worldwide that Red Wing is a city within which women can thrive and a City that will not tolerate discrimination against women and girls or violence perpetrated against them in any form, by any hand; and

**WHEREAS**, CEDAW provides a comprehensive framework for governments to examine their policies and practices in relation to women and girls and to rectify discrimination based on gender; and

**WHEREAS**, City and County governments have an appropriate and legitimate role affirming the importance of eliminating all forms of discrimination against women in communities as universal norms and to serve as guides for public policy.

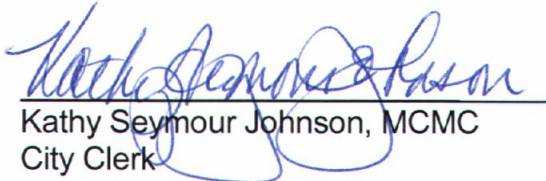
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Red Wing City Council supports CEDAW and that the City of Red Wing is committed to eliminating all forms of violence against women and girls, to promoting the health and safety of women and girls and to affording them equal academic, economic, and business opportunities in Red Wing, Minnesota

Adopted this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017



Kim P. Beise, Council President

ATTEST:

  
Kathy Seymour Johnson, MCMC  
City Clerk

(seal)

Presented to the Mayor at 10:16 p.m. on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.

Approved this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2017.



Sean M. Dowse, Mayor