

Writing a Resolution

Resolutions are your opportunity to address problems, situations, or concerns which need action for solutions.

- Identify your issue – keep it simple
- Ensure the issue has not been addressed at the local, state or national level
- Research your issue
- Whereas should support the resolved statements
- Make sure the research clearly supports the statements and statistics used to support the resolve.

Whereas

The whereas is the first half of the resolution. It explains WHY the action in the resolved clauses should be taken. It states reasons for the action and your reasons for concern.

The first clause of the whereas clause sets the "tone" for the statement, the stronger the conviction about an issue the stronger the first clause.

Each clause in the whereas should be followed by a semi-colon (;) and the word "and." The last clause in this section of the resolution should be followed by a semi-colon (;) and the words "therefore be it."

Resolved

The resolved clauses of a resolution tell the reader what ACTION which should be taken to solve the problem set up in the whereas. The resolved clauses should be the strongest part of your resolution. The first word of the resolved clause should be a verb, and should show what will follow in the clause. Each operative clause should end with a semi-colon (;) and the words "and be it further." The last resolved clause should be followed by a period (.).

The final resolved should state where you want the resolution to go to if it is adopted: i.e. National Grange, RI State Grange Legislative Representative, State Legislature, etc.

Sample Resolution (adopted in 2015)

Whereas, The Rhode Island Welcome Center on Interstate 95 crossing over the border from Connecticut remains closed; and

Whereas, Tourism is a major part of the State of Rhode Island's economy and a Welcome Center would offer much appreciated information on the many wonderful tourist sites in our state; therefore be it

Resolved, That the RI State Grange favor the reopening of the Route 95 Welcome Center; and be it further

Resolved, That the RI State Legislature pass legislation that would mandate the reopening of the Route 95 Welcome Center considering its influence on the state's economy and dependence on tourism; and be it further

Resolved, That this resolution be forwarded to our State Grange Legislative Representative for introduction to the RI Legislature.