Sample Resolution in Support of DC Statehood

**Whereas** this nation is founded on the belief that all people are endowed with certain inalienable rights and that to secure these rights, governments are instituted, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed; and

**Whereas** the rights of the residents of the District of Columbia are abridged when the U.S. Congress imposes its will on local matters and denies us voting representation on federal issues in both houses of the U.S. Congress;

**Whereas** the people of the District of Columbia are the only Americans who still bear all of the responsibilities of citizenship, but who do not enjoy all of the rights of citizenship, including authority over state and local matters and representation in both houses of Congress, making the District, in effect, a colony under Congressional jurisdiction; and

**Whereas** statehood will ensure that residents of the District of Columbia enjoy full rights in state and local matters and voting representation in both houses of the U.S. Congress just like every other citizen of the United States of America, and is a matter of simple justice:

**Therefore be it resolved,** that the *(insert the name of your organization)* supports statehood for the people of Washington, D.C. and urges Congress to grant the people of Washington, D.C. the full rights of American citizenship by making the residential and commercial areas of the District of Columbia the 51st State while preserving a smaller federal district as the nation’s capital.

Please e-mail a copy of the resolution passed by your organization to Anne Anderson at lwvdc1920@gmail.com with the subject line “Statehood Resolution”.