

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN JUDGES

RESOLUTION

Urging Expeditious Filling of Federal Judicial Vacancies

WHEREAS President Barack Obama is about to embark on his second term as President of the United States; and

WHEREAS one of a President's most important responsibilities is the selection and nomination of judges to all federal courts; and

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of the Senate to act on the nominations sent to it by the President; and

WHEREAS it is a mission of the National Association of Women Judges to promote a diverse judiciary; and

WHEREAS there are currently numerous vacancies on Federal courts; and

WHEREAS two-thirds of Americans now live in a state where there is a Federal judicial emergency, resulting in a major backlog of cases;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the National Association of Women Judges urges President Obama to make it a priority for his administration to focus on Federal judicial selection and urges the Senate to work with the President to expeditiously fill the existing vacancies and fill future vacancies promptly as they arise.

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