

Wilmington, Delaware  
February 15, 2018

**#4483**

**Sponsors:**

**Council  
President  
Shabazz**

**Council  
Members  
Walsh  
Chukwuocha**

**WHEREAS**, the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on December 18, 1979 and became an international treaty on September 3, 1981, and 187 United Nations member nations have agreed to be bound by CEDAW's provisions; and

**WHEREAS**, Cities for CEDAW is a grassroots effort that provides tools and leadership to empower local women's organizations and municipalities to effectively adopt and implement CEDAW within their respective localities; 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 full equality; and

**WHEREAS**, Council wishes to express its desire that women and girls who live in Wilmington enjoy all the rights, privileges, and remedies that are bestowed on all people in the United States, no matter their race, national origin, gender or religious belief and with a purpose to proclaim that Wilmington is a city that will not tolerate discrimination against women and girls; 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 in affirming the importance of eliminating all forms of discrimination against women.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WILMINGTON**, that the City of Wilmington 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.

Passed by City Council,

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

**SYNOPSIS:** This Resolution supports the Cities for the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) initiative and declares the intention to begin applying the principles of CEDAW at the local level.