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**INVOLVING YOUTH IN THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS**

**Whereas:** the percentage of the electorate actually voting in civic as well as national and provincial elections is decreasing; and

**Whereas:** our democratic system and its infrastructure of Rights and Freedoms is increasingly being taken for granted in Canada; and

**Whereas:** many young people are unaware of the political process, politicians, and the role of an elected government in our society; and

**RESOLVED:** that the National Council of Women of Canada adopt as its policy support for involving youth in the democratic process by urging provincial governments to include instruction in the democratic process in Canada in school curricula from kindergarten through to secondary school graduation level; therefore be it further

**RESOLVED:** that the National Council of Women of Canada urge its federate members to support the involvement of youth in the democratic process by urging provincial governments to include instruction in the democratic process in Canada in school curricula from kindergarten through to secondary school graduation level where such instruction is not currently provided.