

## 2006:06 INVESTING IN POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION

**Whereas:** a well-educated population contributes to Canada's social, environmental and economic well-being; and

**Whereas:** a post-secondary education helps graduates reach their full potential and secure their future well-being; and

**Whereas:** post-secondary education has become prohibitively costly for many high school graduates from middle-income and low-income families, preventing some from seeking further education, and forcing others to assume unreasonable levels of debt; and

**Whereas:** although some provinces provide grants for low-income students, there is inadequate help for students from middle-income families; and while the federal government has also increased loan limits, this adds to the debt load; and

**Whereas:** there is little coordination in education funding between Canadian provinces and the federal government; therefore be it

**Resolved:** that NCWC adopt as policy that post-secondary education be affordable and accessible to all qualified residents of Canada; and be it further

**Resolved:** that the National Council of Women of Canada urge the Government of Canada to work with the Provinces and Territories to develop a national post-secondary student funding plan that ensures affordable and accessible post-secondary education for all qualified residents of Canada.