

2012:04 YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Whereas 1 youth unemployment in Canada, following the 2008 economic crisis, is considerably higher than adult unemployment; and

Whereas 2 long term unemployment in young people is often associated with vulnerability to ill health, anti-social behaviour, loss of self confidence and coping skills; and

Whereas 3 close relationships with a supportive family often protect unemployed youth from indulging in anti-social behaviour, vulnerability to physical and mental ill health, loss of self confidence and coping skills and keep alive the hope that they will secure employment; therefore be it

Resolved 1 that the National Council of Women of Canada adopt as policy that the expected role of governments is to facilitate job opportunities, provide guidance, support and other training opportunities for unemployed youth; and be it further

Resolved 2 that the National Council of Women of Canada urge the Government of Canada to address the issue of youth unemployment and to work with the provinces and territories to fund and implement programs that provide guidance, support and training opportunities to unemployed youth, adapted to the particular needs of Immigrant and First Nation youth; and be it further

Resolved 3 that National Council of Women of Canada urge the Provincial Councils of Women to work with their respective governments to publicize, provide support for and expand existing apprenticeship programs for jobs in the trades that offer alternatives for youth.