



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® of LOUISIANA

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**League of Women Voters of Louisiana (LWVLA)** concurs with healthcare positions stated by the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS). We support the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and advocate the adoption in Louisiana of the Medicaid Expansion component of the ACA. We continue to work to educate the citizens of Louisiana on the need for further basic healthcare reforms and accountability. Basic healthcare for all must be the goal.

## **LWVLA concurs with the 1993 LWVUS Positions on Healthcare, which support:**

- A basic level of quality care at an affordable cost for all U.S. residents.
- A national health insurance plan financed through general taxes or “single-payer” and/or an employer-based system that provides for universal access. The League opposes a strictly private market-based model of financing healthcare and the administration of the healthcare system solely by the private sector or the states.
- Administration of U.S. healthcare system by a combination of private and public sectors, or federal, state and/or regional agencies.
- Allocation of healthcare resources based on: the urgency of the medical condition, patient life expectancy, expected outcome of treatment, cost of procedure, duration of care, quality of life after the treatment, and wishes of the patient/family—not on the ability of a patient to pay for services.

**In 2010, the LWVUS supported the passage of the ACA.** The League is committed to helping Americans understand the ACA and its pivotal impact on their lives and remains vigilant in light of current efforts to repeal or diminish the law in Congress and in the Courts.

## **LWVLA concurs with the 1982 LWVUS Public Policy on Reproductive Choices:**

LWVUS believes in the constitutional right to privacy of the individual to make reproductive choices. It actively opposes attempts to repeal the reproductive health services provided under the ACA.

## **In 2013, the LWVLA expanded its position on Mental Health:**

The League supports a comprehensive and coordinated system of service for mentally ill adults and emotionally disturbed children and adolescents. The position addressed:

- Department of Health and Hospitals ensuring state hospitals and community services treat and rehabilitate the seriously mentally ill with integrated services with other state agencies.
- The State-mandating adequate and accessible community services to be available for seriously mentally ill person of all ages.
- The State setting and enforcing standards for all mental health programs and facilities it funds.