



**RESOLUTION ON THE  
VALUE OF NONPARTISAN CIVIL SERVICE**  
offered by the League of Women Voters of Louisiana  
at the  
**2026 LWWUS National Convention**  
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WHEREAS the League has a long, consistent record of advocating for a professional, independent civil service as part of its broader commitment to good governance and democratic institutions, extending all the way back to its work on equality for women in the Civil Service Classification Act of 1923, which drew the commendation of then President Franklin Delano Roosevelt in a [letter](#) dated January 16, 1936, addressed to Mrs. George Gellhorn of the National League of Women Voters;

WHEREAS civil service workers at the federal, state, and even local levels have occasionally--and recently--faced threats to their nonpartisan independence through measures that would remove civil service protections against termination without cause and due process, that would impose political tests or partisan political participation in order to retain their jobs, or that would replace civil service workers with acting, appointed, or unclassified/excepted service workers from outside the competitive civil service system;

WHEREAS well-organized civil service systems emphasize and exemplify professional training, meritocratic hiring, and democratic commitments and have served as crucial pathways to government employment for women, minorities, and other historically underrepresented groups that are reflected in the League's mention of civil service under its "Equality of Opportunity" position;

WHEREAS civil servants are invaluable and nonpartisan repositories of knowledge and information who serve as bridges of transition and sources of institutional stability between and across political administrations, and whose diversity and talents strengthen "Representative Government" by embodying, including, and representing an equally diverse population in a nonpartisan and professional way;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the League reaffirms its commitment to the value of nonpartisan civil service to democracy and good governance as both a matter of "Equality of Opportunity" for civil service workers and to ensure "Representative Government" that is nonpartisan, meritocratic, and democratic, to serve the public good.