

What is a Resolute Chapter?

Simply stated: A Resolute Chapter is a Proclamation

A Resolute Chapter, is a Chapter that advocates for the restoration of the DAR and adopts a Resolution to compel the President General to call a Special Meeting according to Article VIII, Section 7 of our National Bylaws.

Daughters Advocating for Restoration seeks to inform DAR members of the effort to RESTORE the DAR to a women's only organization.

The concern is that the integrity of the Daughters of the American Revolution has been compromised, and this action is intended to address that concern in a thoughtful and principled manner.

DAR leadership interprets the National Bylaws to allow for biological men, with an amended birth certificate, to be eligible for membership. The DAR leadership's actions are in violation to our National Bylaws.

A Resolute Chapter supports and advocates for a Resolution that will interpret the word "woman" in our National Bylaws, as understood since time immemorial, as it was defined when the National Bylaws were written in 1890, as female - in other words, a daughter and restoring the DAR to the original principles upon which it was founded.

What a Resolute Chapter is NOT.....

This effort is not about bullying, targeting, or singling out any individual or group. Rather, it is about safeguarding the integrity of the organization we all volunteer to serve. After all, DAR belongs to its members.

A Resolute Chapter does NOT require a change in your bylaws. The Resolution is NOT contrary to National or Chapter Bylaws, therefore a resolute chapter is not contrary to the National or Chapter Bylaws.

The very definition and identity of DAR is described on the DAR website as follows:

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution was founded in 1890 to promote Historic Preservation, Education, and Patriotism across the United States. Since the Society's founding, more than one million women have found purpose and passion in DAR membership.

DAR members come from a variety of backgrounds and interests, but all share a common bond of having an ancestor who helped contribute to securing the independence of the United States of America. Any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a Patriot of the American Revolution is eligible to join.

This Resolution (below in red) to request the Call of a Special Meeting according to Article VIII, Section 7 of the National Bylaws

Article VIII, Section 7, states, "A special meeting also shall be called by the President General upon the written request of thirty or more chapters in at least ten states. Not less than thirty days' notice of a special meeting shall be given and only that business specified in the call may be transacted."

Restoration begins with compelling National to engage in a full, open and transparent discussion that reflects the will of the membership. Meaningful reform cannot occur without honest dialogue and accountability.

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Ms. Storage:

The _____ chapter has adopted the following resolution, which calls for a special meeting to be held on October 11, 2026, in accordance with Article VIII, Section 7 of the Bylaws:

RESOLUTION

Whereas, there is an inherent need for the will of the membership to be reflected accurately in the application of the Bylaws of The Society;
Whereas, it is the duty of the membership to ensure that the true meaning of the Bylaws is properly understood and that the rules are properly applied consistently throughout The Society;
Whereas, the ultimate authority to determine the proper meaning and interpretation of the Bylaws is vested solely in the membership of The Society, as assembled in a membership meeting;
Whereas, the meaning and application of the Bylaws of The Society cannot be changed without the consent of the membership;
Whereas, the holding of a Special Meeting is the appropriate course of action to allow the membership to determine the true meaning and intent of its own Bylaws and to express its will through orderly debate and a free and fair vote inside a meeting; and
Whereas, the Bylaws of DAR specifically authorize the chapters to compel a Special Meeting; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That, in accordance with Article VIII, Section 7 of the Bylaws, a Special Meeting of the National Society is hereby requested in writing to be held on October 11, 2026, at Constitution Hall 1776 D Street NW, Washington D.C., at 2:00 P.M Eastern, for the purpose of considering and adopting the following Resolution:

Whereas, *Robert's Rules of Order*, the adopted parliamentary authority of DAR, prescribes that the interpretation of a bylaw provision "should be in accordance with the intention of the society at the time the bylaw was adopted;"

Whereas, *Robert's Rules of Order* provides that, in the case of interpreting a bylaw provision, "a majority vote is all that is required to decide the question;"

Whereas, *Robert's Rules of Order* provides that "When the meaning is clear, however, the society, even by a unanimous vote, cannot change that meaning except by amending its bylaws;"

Whereas, the eligibility requirement that a member of DAR must be a woman was established in the Constitution and Bylaws of DAR, adopted in 1890;

Whereas, DAR was incorporated by the Fifty-fourth Congress of the United States of America on February 20, 1896; and

Whereas, *Robert's Rules of Order* provides that "... the society's assembly can give the board instructions which it must carry out ..." and "... no action of the board can alter or conflict with any decision made by the assembly of the society..." ; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That in Article III, Section 1 of the Bylaws, the term "woman" shall be understood to clearly mean a woman who was born female, and therefore, individuals who were born male shall not be eligible for membership; transgender women shall not be eligible for membership; and men who have their birth certificates changed from male to female shall not be eligible for membership;

Resolved, That the National Board of Management, the Executive Committee, the Officers, and all other individuals and bodies acting on behalf of DAR shall immediately adhere to this understanding of the Bylaws in regard to the meaning of the word "woman" and in regard to the application of the Bylaws;

Resolved, That the National Board of Management, the Executive Committee, the Officers, and all other individuals and bodies acting on behalf of DAR shall be prohibited from applying any different meaning to the word "woman" in regard to applying the rules set forth in the Bylaws; and

Resolved, That anywhere the term "woman" appears in the rules of DAR it shall be understood to have the same clear meaning as set forth in the first resolved clause of this resolution, and the application of any rule shall be in accordance with this understanding of the meaning of the word "woman."

Thank you for your attention in this matter. We respectfully remind you of the President General's duty under the bylaws to call a Special Meeting, citing Article VIII, Section 7, which states, "A special meeting also shall be called by the President General upon the written request of thirty or more chapters in at least ten states. Not less than thirty days' notice of a special meeting shall be given and only that business specified in the call may be transacted." We look forward to the official call of the Special Meeting.

Best regards,

Name:
Title:
Chapter Name:
State:
Date: