



How to Write a Resolution

One way that individuals and groups have a voice in NFTY, and subsequently the way NFTY has a voice in the world, is through a parliamentary process in which resolutions are drafted and passed on TYG, Regional and North American levels. These Resolutions state our movement's goals and shapes our objectives. Everyone is encouraged to consider him/herself a very important part of this process by drafting resolutions, even if not a voting member of the General Board.

Resolutions in NFTY can usually be split into two categories:

"Support" Resolutions
"Action" Resolutions

These types of resolutions are just what they sound like: either in support of a point of view or policy or a call to action about a view or policy.

Resolutions generally take the following form and use the following language:

I believe something, and state any background information about what I believe by writing brief statements starting with the word “whereas”.

When I have completed stating the background information, I state what I’d like to see happen by writing a sentence beginning with the word “therefore”.

I then follow up my “therefore” sentence, which is either in support of something or recommending action on something, with brief statements starting with the words “let it be resolved”.

I then conclude the resolution by naming who is submitting it.

In summary

- Whereas = what I want to comment on
- Therefore = what I want to see happen
- Let it be resolved = what needs to take place
- Submitted by = who stands behind the resolution

Example to Follow



Sample Resolution

(this was passed by NFTY North America in 1999)

WHEREAS, NFTY is a youth movement inspired by the text "Your youth shall see visions" (*Joel 3:1*), and,

WHEREAS, children are our builders and are the future leaders of NFTY, Judaism, the United States, and the world, and,

WHEREAS, children are often victims of neglect, abuse, hunger, poverty, illiteracy, and many other societal plagues, and,

WHEREAS, recent changes in the welfare laws have brought about a need for increased child care, and,

WHEREAS, *Nedarim 81a* states, "Take care of the children of the poor, for they will be the ones who advance knowledge."

THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED that the 1999-2000 NFTY Action Theme be entitled "Your Youth Shall See Visions: Caring For Our Children", and,

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that the NFTY Social Action Vice President compile a packet containing information, resources, programs, and action projects on child care and children's issues, and,

LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED that all NFTY temple youth groups (TYGs), and regions be strongly encouraged to program and act on the theme of child care and children's issues.

Respectfully submitted,

The 1998-1999 NFTY Social Action Network