



National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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NATIONAL BOARD OF MANAGEMENT RESOLUTION Designating the Special Order of Business for the 135th Continental Congress

WHEREAS, the 135th Continental Congress of the National Society is scheduled to be held from June 24 to June 28, 2026, at the Washington, DC headquarters of the National Society; and

WHEREAS, a resolution to restrict membership eligibility by interpreting the word “woman” in the National Bylaws and other DAR rules so as to exclude transgender women has been requested by chapters to be considered by the National Society in accordance with the organization’s governing documents; and

WHEREAS, the President General has authority under Article VIII, Section 7 of the National Bylaws to call a special meeting of the National Society upon the written request of thirty or more chapters in at least ten states; and

WHEREAS, the President General has received requests from 68 chapters from 27 states as of the date of this Resolution, requesting that the President General call a special meeting of the National Society where the resolution to restrict membership eligibility may be considered by voting members; and

WHEREAS, the 135th Continental Congress is scheduled to occur prior to the date on which such a special meeting has been requested by chapters to be called by the President General; and

WHEREAS, the National Board of Management has determined that consideration of the requested resolution at the 135th Continental Congress will promote efficiency and allow for the broadest participation by voting members while prudently stewarding the National Society’s resources in facilitating a membership vote; and

WHEREAS, designation of this matter for consideration at the 135th Continental Congress is intended to promote, and not limit, voting member consideration of the requested resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the National Board of Management hereby designates the requested resolution restricting the interpretation of “woman” in the National Bylaws based on sex assigned at birth as the special order of business for the 135th Continental Congress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the actions of the National Board of Management in designating the resolution for consideration at the 135th Continental Congress shall not constitute a determination that the resolution is consistent with the National Bylaws or applicable law, and the National Board of Management expressly reserves all rights to raise or assert any procedural, bylaw-based or legal objections to the resolution or its implementation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the resolution shall be taken up at a designated time as reflected in the agenda for the 135th Continental Congress and shall be presented for discussion and vote in accordance with the National Bylaws and applicable law and parliamentary procedure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Notice of this special order of business shall be provided to voting members in advance of the 135th Continental Congress; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee is authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to implement this Board resolution.

Adopted on this date, April 21, 2026, at a Special Meeting of the National Board of Management of the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, in Washington, DC.

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