

## Resolution on Health and Welfare Services

May, 2010

**Whereas**, Governor Otter and the Idaho Legislature have directed cutbacks in the Department of Health and Welfare that have resulted in the closure of 7 area Health and Welfare offices which has had a disproportionate negative impact on rural areas; and

**Whereas**, Women and their families needing the services offered by those offices usually do not have access to adequate transportation or gas money, would have to travel in hazardous winter conditions, do not have access to internet or long distance phone calling, and cannot take the time off from their work to travel distances of 200 plus miles round trip; and

**Whereas**, In addition people not getting needed services, especially mental health services, will create an impact on local emergency rooms and other public safety entities,

**Therefore Be It Resolved** that AAUW Idaho work to preserve Health and Welfare services in local communities.

Approved May 2, 2010

Idaho State Convention, McCall, Idaho