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**File Name:** Affirming the principles of fundamental human rights and equality for women in our community and supporting the United States' ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

**Final Action:**

**Title:** Affirming the principles of fundamental human rights and equality for women in our community and supporting the United States ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

### Notes:

**Sponsors:** Shiva Bidar and Lindsay Lemmer

**Effective Date:**

### Attachments:

**Enactment Number:**

**Author:** Ald. Shiva Bidar-Sielaff, District 5

**Hearing Date:**

**Entered by:** lveldran@cityofmadison.com

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### Approval History

Version	Date	Approver	Action
1		Laura Larsen	Approve

### History of Legislative File

Ver- sion:	Acting Body:	Date:	Action:	Sent To:	Due Date:	Return Date:	Result:
1	Council Office	03/19/2019	Referred for Introduction				
	<b>Action Text:</b>		This Resolution was Referred for Introduction				
	<b>Notes:</b>	Common Council (4/16/19)					
1	COMMON COUNCIL	03/19/2019	Refer to a future Meeting to Adopt	COMMON COUNCIL			Pass
	<b>Action Text:</b>	A motion was made by Baldeh, seconded by Carter, to Refer to a future Meeting to Adopt to the COMMON COUNCIL. The motion passed by voice vote/other.					

Notes: Adopt 4/16/19

1 COMMON COUNCIL 04/16/2019 Refer to a future Meeting to Adopt COMMON COUNCIL Pass

Action Text: A motion was made by Bidar, seconded by Harrington-McKinney, to Refer to a future Meeting to Adopt to the COMMON COUNCIL. The motion passed by voice vote/other.

Notes: Adopt 4/30/2019.

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**Text of Legislative File 55110**

**Fiscal Note**

No appropriation required.

**Title**

Affirming the principles of fundamental human rights and equality for women in our community and supporting the United States ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

**Body**

WHEREAS, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), adopted in 1979 by the UN General Assembly, is often described as an international bill of rights for women that consists of a preamble and 30 articles, it defines what constitutes discrimination against women and sets up an agenda for national action to end such discrimination; and,

WHEREAS, the Convention defines discrimination against women as "...any distinction, exclusion or restriction made on the basis of sex which has the effect or purpose of impairing or nullifying the recognition, enjoyment or exercise by women, irrespective of their marital status, on a basis of equality of men and women, of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the political, economic, social, cultural, civil or any other field."; and,

WHEREAS, by accepting the Convention, States commit themselves to undertake a series of measures to end discrimination against women in all forms, including:

to incorporate the principle of equality of men and women in their legal system, abolish all discriminatory laws and adopt appropriate ones prohibiting discrimination against women; to establish tribunals and other public institutions to ensure the effective protection of women against discrimination; and to ensure elimination of all acts of discrimination against women by persons, organizations or enterprises; and

WHEREAS, the Convention is the only human rights treaty which affirms the reproductive rights of women and targets culture and tradition as influential forces shaping gender roles and family relations. It affirms women's rights to acquire, change or retain their nationality and the nationality of their children. States parties also agree to take appropriate measures against all forms of traffic in women and exploitation of women; and,

WHEREAS, countries that have ratified or acceded to the Convention are legally bound to put its provisions into practice and are also committed to submit national reports, at least every four years, on measures they have taken to comply with their treaty obligations,

WHEREAS, the United States is among a small minority of countries that have not yet ratified CEDAW,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Common Council of the City of Madison affirms the principles of fundamental human rights and equality for women in our

community and the elimination of barriers to political, social, economic and cultural discrimination, including issues of domestic violence, trafficking, affordable health care and child care, economic security, pay inequities, paid family leave, and educational and vocational opportunities; and,

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Wisconsin's U.S. Congressional Delegation expressing our support for the United States' ratification of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW).

(Source: <http://www.un.org/womenwatch/daw/cedaw/cedaw.htm>)