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Executive Committee Resolution No. 14
SUPPORT FOR SANCTIONING WOMEN'S HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

WHEREAS, The Bylaws of the United States of America Wrestling Association ("USA Wrestling") designate the Board of Directors as the principal governing body of the corporation and responsible for managing the affairs of the corporation, and the Executive Committee is responsible for these decisions between Board of Directors meetings;

WHEREAS, Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Arizona, Hawaii, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Missouri, Kansas, Tennessee, Arkansas, Georgia, Maryland, New Jersey, Maine, and Massachusetts have sanctioned women's wrestling as a high school sport;

WHEREAS, Many other states have initiated the process for growth and sanctioning women's wrestling as a high school sport including Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Nebraska, Florida, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky, New York, Virginia, North Carolina, and others;

WHEREAS, Women's high school wrestling numbers have grown every year going back to 1990, when there were less than 100 girls on the high school level. 2018-2019 NFHS participation numbers totaling 21,124 represents 29 straight years of growth;

WHEREAS, Helen Maroulis became the first US Woman to earn a gold medal in freestyle wrestling at the Olympics in 2016;

WHEREAS, There are currently 64 colleges and universities offering women's wrestling;

WHEREAS, The National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), granted invitational status to women's wrestling and held their first National Invitational Championship in 2019;

WHEREAS, In 2019, The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Committee on Women's Athletics recommends women's wrestling to the NCAA Emerging Sports for Women program;

WHEREAS, Women's wrestling has inspired many of our youth who struggle with the day-to-day challenges; and,

WHEREAS, The sanctioning of women's wrestling in every State will promote the sport of wrestling and the values supported by USA Wrestling.

WHEREAS, The USA Wrestling Women's National Team Program played a vital role in saving wrestling as a U.S. Olympic sport preceding the 2016 games;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, USA Wrestling supports the equal rights of women to participate in high school athletics and the sanctioning of women's high school wrestling in every State.

CERTIFICATION

We the undersigned officers of USA Wrestling hereby certify that on the 10th day of September 2019, at a meeting duly convened, the Executive Committee voted to adopt the above resolution pursuant to the authorities enumerated in Bylaws § 4.1.

Dated this 10th day of September, 2019.

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