

**ILLINOIS FEDERATION OF BUSINESS WOMEN'S CLUBS, INC.  
MISSION STATEMENT**

IFBW advocates professional and personal growth, leadership development and participation, equity and economic self-sufficiency for working women through education, legislation and networking.

**2019 - 2020 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM**

**PREAMBLE:** The Alice Paul Equal Rights Amendment shall be first, foremost and above all other items which may appear on the Legislative Platform of this Federation until equal rights for women and men become guaranteed in the United States Constitution, because the fundamental law of the land is embodied in the Constitution of the United States and all statutory rights are derived there from.

**ACTION ITEMS:** The members of the Illinois Federation will support the Preamble and, additionally, concentrate on the following action items:

**Item I:** Work to secure equal opportunities in education and employment to achieve self-sufficiency for all women.

**Item II:** Actively work to secure improvements in health issues for women to include:

1. The availability of reproductive choices; and
2. The coverage of preventive maintenance, prenatal care and long-term care in Medicaid and Medicare; and
3. Expanding research on diseases that primarily affect women.

**Item III:** Work for Victim's rights using education, legislation, and social services.

**Item IV:** Work to secure affordable, quality dependent care for all ages.

**Item V:** Support the appointment and election of qualified women to public office.

**Item VI:** Support efforts to ensure women veterans receive the full extent of social services and job opportunities available.

Adopted by voting body at  
IFBW Convention 2019  
Effingham, IL