International Year of the Child - 1977

The United Nations has designated 1979 as the International Year of the Child. With UNICEF as the lead agency, many programs of study and action will be developed and implemented within those nations which have UNICEF Committees and IYC Commissions. Throughout the world and within the various nations, attention will be focused on the needs of children. The National Federation of Temple Sisterhoods lauds the United Nations for inaugurating this program.

On behalf of our United States affiliates we affirm to the United States Committee for UNICEF our utmost cooperation with and participation in its various programs. Furthermore, we call upon the President of the United States to establish a National Commission to observe the International Year of the Child.

We also urge our affiliates to:

1) Channel communications and information about IYC to their members.
2) Formulate plans and programs which incorporate objectives of IYC within their own activities.
3) Share resources and expertise to create better public awareness and concern for all children.

We further urge our affiliates, whether in the United States, Canada, or the fourteen other countries of our Federation whose nations are members of the United Nations, to request appropriate governmental action.