1. He has never permitted her to exercise her inalienable right to the elective franchise.

**WOMEN CAN’T VOTE.**

2. He has compelled her to submit to laws, in the formation of which she had no voice.

**WOMEN HAVE NO SAY IN THE LAWS WHICH THEY ARE OBLIGATED TO FOLLOW.**

3. He has withheld from her rights which are given to the most ignorant and degraded men—both natives and foreigners...

**FOREIGNERS AND THE SO-CALLED “DANGEROUS CLASSES” (THE MEN) HAVE MORE RIGHTS THAN THEY.**

4. He has made her, if married, in the eye of the law, civilly dead.

**ONCE MARRIED, ALL PROPERTY BECOMES THE MAN’S, SO THE GOVERNMENT ESSENTIALLY IGNORES THEIR EXISTENCE (THEY NO LONGER PAY TAXES). IT’S IS AS IF SHE DIED (ONCE MARRIED).**

5. He has taken from her all right in property, even to the wages she earns.

SEE NOTE 4.

6. He has made her, morally, an irresponsible being, as she can commit many crimes with impunity (without consequences), provided they be done in the presence of her husband.

**THE HUSBAND DOES THE PUNISHING, FOR SHE IS HIS RESPONSIBILITY.**

7. In the covenant of marriage, she is compelled to promise obedience to her husband, he becoming, to all intents and purposes, her master—the law giving him power to deprive her of her liberty, and to administer chastisement.

**IN MARRIAGE, THE HUSBAND BECOMES HER MASTER.**

8. He has so framed the laws of divorce, as to … whom the guardianship of the children shall be given … the law, in all cases, … giving all power into his hands.

**IN CASE OF DIVORCE, THE LAWS GREATLY FAVOR THE MALE.**

9. After depriving her of all rights as a married woman, if single, and the owner of property, he has taxed her to support a government which recognizes her only when her property can be made profitable to it.

**THE ONLY TIME THE GOVERNMENT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT A WOMAN EXISTS, IS WHEN SHE CAN BE TAXED.**

10. He has monopolized nearly all the profitable employments, and from those she is permitted to follow, she receives but a scanty remuneration (pay). He closes against her all the avenues to wealth and distinction which he considers most honorable to himself…

**MEN GET ALL THE GOOD JOBS. “WOMEN” JOBS PAY MUCH LESS.**

11. He has denied her the facilities for obtaining a thorough education, all colleges being closed against her…

**MEN REFUSE TO EDUCATE WOMEN ON A COLLEGIATE LEVEL.**

12. He has usurped the prerogative of Jehovah himself, claiming it as his right to assign for her a sphere of action, when that belongs to … God.

**MEN CLAIM THAT GOD WANTS IT THIS WAY. UHMM…PROVE IT!**

13. He has endeavored … to destroy her confidence in her own powers, to lessen her self-respect, and to make her willing to lead a dependent and abject life.

**BY CLAIMING THAT WOMEN NEED TO BE SUBORDINATE, IT DESTROYS WOMEN PSYCHOLOGICALLY.**
Resolutions

Whereas, The great precept of nature is conceded to be, that “man shall pursue his own true and substantial happiness.”... therefore,

1. Resolved. That such laws as conflict ... with the true and substantial happiness of woman, are contrary to the great precept of nature and of no validity ... LAWS THAT KEEP WOMEN SUBORDINATE ARE UNNATURAL. I.E. THAT “GOD WANTS IT THIS WAY” STUFF IS NONSENSE.

2. Resolved. That all laws which prevent woman from occupying such a station in society as her conscience shall dictate, or which place her in a position inferior to that of man, are contrary to the great precept of nature, and therefore of no ... authority.

BECAUSE OF WHAT WE SAID IN THE FIRST RESOLUTION, THOSE LAWS AND CUSTOMS HAVE NO AUTHORITY.

3. Resolved. That woman is man’s equal—was intended to be so by the Creator, and the highest good of the race demands that she should be recognized as such.

IN GOD’S EYES, WE ARE EQUAL AND WE DEMAND TO BE RECONGIZED AS SUCH.

4. Resolved. That the women of this country ought to be enlightened in regard to the laws under which they live, that they may no longer publish their degradation by declaring themselves satisfied with their present position, nor their ignorance, by asserting that they have all the rights they want.

THIS ONE IS IMPLORING WOMEN ACROSS THE NATION TO WAKE UP!!!! IT CAN BE DIFFERENT.

5. Resolved. That inasmuch as man, while claiming for himself intellectual superiority, does accord to woman moral superiority, it is pre-eminently his duty to encourage her to speak and teach ... in all religious assemblies.

IF WOMEN ARE THE MORE MORAL BEINGS, THEN THEY SHOULD BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN RELIGIOUS CEREMONIES.

6. Resolved. That the same amount of virtue, delicacy and refinement of behavior that is required of woman ... should also be required of man, and the same transgressions should be visited with equal severity on both man and woman.

THERE SHOULDBE NO DOUBLE STANDARD REGARDING EXPECTED BEHAVIOR OF MEN AND WOMEN. THE PUNISHMENTS SHOULD BE THE SAME.

7. Resolved. That the objection of indelicacy and impropriety, which is so often brought against woman when she addresses a public audience, comes with a very ill-grace from those who encourage, by their attendance, her appearance on the stage, in the concert, or in feats of the circus.

ISN’T IT HYPOCRITICAL OF YOU MEN, TO BERATE US FOR SPEAKING IN PUBLIC, WHILE ENCOURAGING US TO ENTERTAIN YOU ON STAGE (BY ATTENDING OUR SHOWS)!

8. Resolved. That woman has too long rested satisfied in the circumscribed limits which corrupt customs and a perverted application of the Scriptures have marked out for her, and that it is time she should move in the enlarged sphere which her Creator has assigned her.

THE BIBLE HAS BEEN DISTORTED, AND IT IS ABOUT TIME WOMEN ENLARGED THEIR SPHERE OF INFLUENCE BEYOND THE PARLOR (DOMESTIC).

9. Resolved. That it is the duty of the women of this country to secure to themselves their sacred right to the elective franchise.*

WOMEN SHOULD GET THE RIGHT TO VOTE.

10. Resolved. That the equality of human rights results necessarily from the fact of the identity of the race in capabilities and responsibilities.

OUR DEMAND FOR EQUALITY IS JUSTIFIED BY THE REALITY THAT MEN AND WOMEN ARE, IN FACT, EQUAL.

11. Resolved, therefore, That, being invested by the Creator with the same capabilities, and the same consciousness of responsibility for their exercise, it is ... the right and duty of woman, equally with man, to promote every righteous
cause by every righteous means; and especially in regard to the great subjects of morals and religion, it is self-evidently her right to participate with her brother in teaching them, both in private and in public, by writing and by speaking...; and this being a self-evident truth ..., any custom or authority adverse to it ... is to be regarded as a self-evident falsehood, and at war with mankind.

**NOT ONLY CAN WOMEN SPEAK IN PUBLIC – IT IS AN OBLIGATION WHEN IMMORALITY IS THE ISSUE. SINCE THIS IS SELF EVIDENT, IF YOU OBJECT TO IT. YOUR OBJECTION IS A FALSEHOOD.**

**Note:** Elizabeth Cady Stanton had drafted all the above resolutions. At the last session Lucretia Mott offered the following:

12. Resolved, That the speedy success of our cause depends upon the zealous and untiring efforts of both men and women, for the overthrow of the monopoly of the pulpit, and for the securing to woman an equal participation with men in the various trades, professions, and commerce.

**WOMEN (AND ALLIED MEN) NEED TO BREAK THE STRANGLEHOLD MEN HAVE ON THE CHURCH, AND THEN IT WILL EASIER TO GET EQUALITY IN OTHER AREAS (SUCH AS PROFESSINS, EDUCATION, PAY).**

* From Philip Foner, ed., *We, The Other People: Alternative Declarations of Independence by Labor Groups, Farmers, Woman’s Rights Advocates, Socialists, and Blacks 1829-1975* (Urbana, IL: University of Illinois Press, 1976): “Many of the delegates, even Lucretia Mott, felt that the demand for the right to vote was too advanced for the times and would only heap ridicule on the entire movement. But as Elizabeth Cady Stanton told an audience of Suffragists years later, ‘I knew Frederick [Douglass], from personal experience, was just the man for the work.’ Hurrying to Douglass’ side, Mrs. Stanton read the resolution and asked him to speak on the question. Douglass promptly arose and addressed the delegates. He argued convincingly that political equality was essential for the complete liberation of women. The resolution was adopted by a small majority.” All other resolutions were adopted unanimously.

_Signed by 68 women, and 32 men._