

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The National Organization for Women was founded in 1966 to "take action to bring women into full participation in the mainstream of American society now, exercising all the privileges and responsibilities thereof in truly equal partnership with men".

Our energies focus on specific goals such as; ratification and implementation of the Equal Rights Amendment; equal employment opportunities; developmental child care; revision of income tax and social security laws; right to control our own reproductive lives; a chance for women in poverty; revision of marriage, divorce, and family laws; full participation in political activities; and women in the mass media.

Recognizing that women's problems are linked to broader questions of social justice and convinced that human rights are indivisible, NOW actively supports efforts to eradicate racism; provide freedom from want; achieve a universal end to war; protect the right to define and express individual sexuality and choose one's own lifestyle; and promote the common cause of equal rights for all who suffer discrimination, deprivation and exclusion. We welcome coalition with other organizations committed to such goals and solicit their cooperative efforts to fight sexism and attain equality for all women.

The Greater Toledo Area Chapter of NOW was convened July 1, 1972. Our objective is to aggressively pursue and successfully execute projects and programs which will lead to total equality for all people. The achievement of this long-term goal is of the utmost importance to us, but not enough so as to sacrifice a strong fight and solid win in each of the many areas that lead to its achievement. Consequently, Toledo NOW is dedicated, during the coming year, to devoting our time and energy to obtaining successful gains in several major areas rather than making less significant gains in every area.

We are confident that our 1974/1975 program, contained herein, will bring about many of the changes necessary to bring women closer to "full participation in the mainstream of American society, exercising all the privileges and responsibilities thereof in truly equal partnership with men".