

Proposal for Concurrence with a LWV of Utah's Position on Death with Dignity

During the 2017 State Convention a proposal to consider concurrence with LWV Utah's position on Death with Dignity was approved by convention delegates. The Board, at its July meeting, approved a **Feb. 15 deadline date for return of the forms indicating your League's approval or rejection of this update and concurrence.**

PLEASE SCHEDULE A TIME IN YOUR CALENDARS BEFORE FEBRUARY 15 TO CONSIDER THIS UPDATE AND THIS CONCURRENCE. The update should be easy and short and may be accomplished during another meeting. The Concurrence maybe require more discussion and take longer, but it is your decision as to how to present the materials and how to schedule this discussion.

Concurrence policies and procedures

CONCURRENCE is defined by LWVUS LEAGUE BASICS as:

Agreement by League members with a position on an issue reached by a small group of members or by another League.

Based on LWVUS precedent, it is not necessary that the "decision statement" or "pre-stated position" follow verbatim the position upon which it is based. See the state League's In League document for more information on concurrence policy and procedure.

Utah's Position:

In January of 2016 the League of Women Voters of Utah conducted a study on whether or not they would support legislation to allow for aid in dying in their state. Their study provides information about laws in the five states currently allowing terminally ill persons to request physician aid in dying, as well as a detailed history of death with dignity through the ages.

The Utah's position on Death with Dignity states:

1. The League of Women Voters of Utah believes state laws should grant the option for a terminally ill person to request medical assistance from a relevant, licensed physician to end one's life.
2. The League of Women Voters of Utah believes such legislation should include safeguards against abuse for the dying and/or medical personnel who act in good faith compliance with the law.