



PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA

No.PA/Khyber Pakhtunkhwa/Legis-I(R)/2015/ **2683-84**
Dated Peshawar, the 17/08/2015.

To,

1. The Secretary to Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa,
Law, Parliamentary Affairs and Human Rights Department.
2. The Secretary to Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Local
Government, Elections and Rural Development Department.

Subject: **JOINT RESOLUTION NO.695 ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY BY THE
PROVINCIAL ASSEMBLY OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am directed to say that the Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in its sitting held on **13-08-2015** has adopted unanimously the following Resolution No. **695** moved by Dr. Meher Taj Roghani, Special Assistant to Chief Minister for Social Welfare, Ms. Dina Naz, Parliamentary Secretary for Social Welfare, Ms. Nagina Khan, Parliamentary Secretary for Law, Ms. Nargas, Parliamentary Secretary for Relief Rehabilitation and Settlement, Ms. Zareen Zia, Parliamentary Secretary for Agriculture, Ms. Bibi Fauzia, Parliamentary Secretary, Ms. Miraj Hamayun Khan, Ms. Aamna Sardar, Naseem Hayat, Aisha Naeem, Members, Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

AFFIRMING the common aspiration of Members of this Assembly, the governments and the civil society, to achieve discrimination free environment for women in the Province;

CONCERNED that the practice of denying women their right to vote is becoming a norm in the province, as witnessed in the General Elections of 2013, and recent bye-elections and observed again in various parts of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa during the Local Bodies Elections of May 30th 2015, indicating a growing culture of discrimination and intolerance towards women as equal citizens of Pakistan and the consequent political further socio-political marginalization;

COMMENDING the government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa for committing to introduce legislation to curb practice of barring women from voting and participation in the political processes as delineated in the first ever Women Empowerment Policy Framework for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa; and

THIS ASSEMBLY RECOMMENDS TO PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT TO APPROACH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PLACE TOP PRIORITY ON INTRODUCING A LEGISLATION FOR ELIMINATION THE HARMFUL AND DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICE OF BARRING WOMEN FROM VOTING DURING ELECTIONS AND DECLARING NULL AND VOID THE RESULTS OF ANY CONSTITUENCY WHERE WOMEN ARE BARRED FROM POLING.

Yours faithfully


(GHUFRANULLAH)

Deputy Secretary-II,
Provincial Assembly of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa-