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AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR AMY S. PEELE APPOINTED GFWC HONORARY CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS & EDUCATION AND LIBRARIES

Washington, DC, September 5, 2024 — The General Federation of Women’s Clubs (GFWC) is pleased to announce Amy S. Peele as the 2024-2026 GFWC Honorary Chairman of Health and Wellness, and Education and Libraries Community Service Programs (CSP). The appointment to serve GFWC Honorary Chairman is a national distinction and recognition of a career of leadership and public service.

“When I heard Mrs. Peele speak at the GFWC California Convention a few months ago, I knew she would be a perfect fit for the GFWC Honorary Chairmen Program,” said Jolie Frankfurth, GFWC First Vice President and Dean of the 2024-2026 Honorary Chairmen Program. “Amy’s expertise in storytelling, and real-life experiences allow her to communicate difficult situations with honesty and levity, at the same time pairing passion of work with expertise—a truly gifted orator. I look forward to her enlightening articles, webinars, and in-person presentations this Administration.”

GFWC incorporated the Honorary Chairmen to elevate the scope of volunteer work in its Special Programs, such as *Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Prevention and Awareness*, and *Advocates for Children*, and CSP areas: *Arts and Culture*, *Civic Engagement and Outreach*, *Education and Libraries*, *Environment*, and *Health and Wellness*; and Advancement Areas: *Membership*, *Leadership*, *Communications and Public Relations*, and *Legislation and Public Policy*. These issue experts lend their knowledge and expertise to benefit the quality of work performed by GFWC.

Amy S. Peele is the award-winning, best-selling author of *Cut, Match, and Hold*, medical mysteries. Originally from Chicago, she went to nursing school at South Chicago School of Nursing, fell in love with the

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field of transplant at the University of Chicago, and then moved to San Francisco (Marin County) in 1985 to further her career in transplantation. After 35 years she retired from her role as Director of Clinical Operations at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF), overseeing 600 organ transplants annually. She also studied improv at Second City Players. Amy enjoys public speaking, swimming, teaching yoga, and meditating.

For more information about the GFWC Honorary Chairmen Program, contact Jolie Frankfurth, GFWC First Vice President, at JFrankfurth@GFWC.org.

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The General Federation of Women's Clubs is an international organization dedicated to improving local communities through volunteer service. GFWC has state federations in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. There are 20 International Affiliate Clubs in 15 countries worldwide. GFWC members are community leaders who advocate for domestic violence awareness and prevention programs, and efforts to support children. Volunteers work locally to impact their communities by supporting the arts, preserving natural resources, advancing education, promoting healthy lifestyles, and encouraging civic involvement.