WORKING AS A STATE DELEGATION
You will be in meetings with 2-15 people representing your state or regional area. Here is a tool for coordinating your efforts and making the greatest impact.

Information about your virtual meetings:
- You will be assigned to a state captain who can help guide you throughout your meetings and virtual day.
- Meetings will take place either over the phone or in video conferencing platform.
- Attire- please wear an orange shirt or business professional dress.
- If you have a video conferencing meeting, please change your Zoom background to the RESOLVE background picture to have a uniform look.

For your practice virtual meetings get to know your state delegation better:
- Identify individuals in your group who are: veterans (or spouses of), federal employees (or spouses of), adoptive parents, healthcare professionals, and individuals/families who have been diagnosed with infertility.
- Learn about everyone’s stories- this will help the group decide if certain individuals should directly speak about a piece of legislation.
- You will not be required to memorize the specific details of every bill and piece of legislation we are advocating for- your personal story is the most important and impactful part of the virtual meetings.

Research prior to virtual meetings:
- Make sure to determine who the sponsors and co-sponsors of the bills are prior to your meetings and see if your elected officials is/are already a co-sponsor. Your State Captain has a list of all the bills and co-sponsors.
- If you are meeting with an elected official who already is a co-sponsor for specific bill, you can thank them for their support. You do not need to ask them to be a co-sponsor again.

House and Senate Meetings
- Prior to your virtual meetings, Congressional offices will receive RESOLVE/ASRM material which lists the bills and asks we are advocating for.
- Your entire state delegation will attend both Senate meetings together.
- Decide ahead of time who will speak about each part of your agenda for the meetings. Up to 10 different people can speak in a meeting.
- Localize it! Paint a picture of how the bills will directly affect the lives of the people in your state.
• If certain individuals relate directly to a piece of legislation, have them speak about it, e.g., if anyone in your delegation is military personnel or veteran, federal employee, adoptive parents. Your personal story will underscore the importance of the legislation.
• Be succinct and to the point. Inspire them to help veterans and adoptive families by cosponsoring these important bills. Underscore it with your passion and personal story.
• After each virtual meeting, assign someone in the group to send a follow up email and thank you note to the staffer, Senator or Representative.

Script/Speakers for meeting with Senator

Assign a person from your delegation to address each of the 10 points below. If you have more than 10 advocates in your meeting, determine who might be a new advocate and/or who might have a personal connection to the issue and assign 10 different advocates to speak. If you have less than 10 advocates in your meeting, you will need to assign more than one talking point to each person.

1. **Introduction. Affirm the Pro-Family agenda of the Senator:**
   “Hi. My name is XXX and I am one of your constituents from city, state. I am an advocate with RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association. Thank you for virtually meeting with our group today and thank you to Senator XXX for supporting pro-family legislation.” (If you are meeting with a Senator that is already a co-sponsor, thank them for being supportive of specific legislation)

2. **Share facts about Infertility – personal story if available:**
   Did you know that infertility affects 1 in 8 Americans in the United States? I am personally affected as a patient/provider...

3. **Access to Infertility Treatment and Care Act:**
   Provide an overview of the bill, make a connection if you have a personal story, and ask the Senator to be a co-sponsor and support the legislation.

4. **The Women’s Veterans and Families Health Services Act:**
   Provide an overview of the bill, make a connection if you have a personal story, and ask the Senator to be a co-sponsor and support the legislation.

5. **Every Child Deserves a Family Act:**
   Provide an overview of the bill, make a connection if you have a personal story, and ask the Senator to be a co-sponsor and support the legislation.

6. **PCOS Awareness Month Resolution:**
   Provide an overview of the Resolution, make a connection if you have a personal story, and ask the Senator to be a co-sponsor and support the legislation.
7. Medical Research Funding:
   Provide an overview of the need for research funding, make a connection if you have a personal story, and ask the Senator to be supportive of report language.

8. Adoption Tax Credit Refundability Act
   Provide an overview of the bill, make a connection if you have a personal story, and ask the Senator to be a co-sponsor and support the legislation.

9. MAKE THE ASK:
   Will the Senator support pro-family legislation by signing on as a co-sponsor to above bills?
   Ask if the staffer/Senator has any questions about the bills.

10. Follow Up and Thank You:
    Make sure to thank the staffer/Senator for their time and ask if you can send a follow up email in a few weeks.
**House Meeting** - For these meetings find out who in your group is from the Congressional House district. That person is the constituent and should be leading this meeting with support from other state delegation members. No one will be alone in their meetings.

**Script/Speakers for meeting with Representative ______________________**

Assign a person from your delegation to address each of the 10 points below. If you have more than 10 advocates in your meeting, determine who might be a new advocate and/or who might have a personal connection to the issue and assign 10 different advocates to speak. If you have less than 10 advocates in your meeting, you will need to assign more than one talking point to each person.

1. **Introduction. Affirm the Pro-Family agenda of the Representative:**
   “Hi. My name is XXX and I am one of your constituents from city, state. I am an advocate with RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association. Thank you for virtually meeting with our group today and thank you to Representative XXX for supporting pro-family legislation.” (If you are meeting with a Representative that is already a co-sponsor, thank them for being supportive of specific legislation)

2. **Share facts about Infertility – personal story if available:**
   Did you know that infertility affects 1 in 8 Americans in the United States? I am personally affected as a patient/provider...

3. **Access to Infertility Treatment and Care Act:**
   Provide an overview of the bill, make a connection if you have a personal story, and ask the Representative to be a co-sponsor and support the legislation.

4. **The Women’s Veterans and Families Health Services Act:**
   Provide an overview of the bill, make a connection if you have a personal story, and ask the Representative to be a co-sponsor and support the legislation.

5. **Every Child Deserves a Family Act:**
   Provide an overview of the bill, make a connection if you have a personal story, and ask the Representative to be a co-sponsor and support the legislation.

6. **PCOS Awareness Month Resolution:**
   Provide an overview of the Resolution, make a connection if you have a personal story, and ask the Representative to be a co-sponsor and support the legislation.
7. **Medical Research Funding:**
   a. *Provide an overview of the need for research funding, make a connection if you have a personal story, and ask the Representative to be supportive of report language.*

8. **Adoption Tax Credit Refundability Act**
   b. *Provide an overview of the bill, make a connection if you have a personal story, and ask the Representative to be a co-sponsor and support the legislation.*

9. **MAKE THE ASK:**
   c. *Will the Congressman/woman support pro-family legislation by signing on as a co-sponsor to above bills?*
   d. *Ask if the staffer/Member of Congress has any questions about the bills*

10. **Follow Up and Thank You:**
    e. *Make sure to thank the staffer/Member of Congress for their time and ask if you can send a follow up email in a few weeks.*