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Why did these women create the Edenton Resolves?	The Edenton Resolves were created because the signers felt that it was their duty to participate in the political boycotts created by the First Provincial Congress because it so greatly affected their country.
What do the signers want to happen?	They want people to know that they were determined to participate in the boycotts and to support their friends and family members who are in the First Provincial Congress. They want Parliament's taxes eliminated.
Why is this document important?	Because it is a very early example of women participating in politics in a time when they usually did not. With their petition, they left a trace of their bravery, knowledge, and determination.