



Title: Supporting Economic Justice & Prosperity for all Floridians

Summary:

The Florida Democratic Party supports a living wage, fair compensation, paid sick and family leave, collective bargaining rights, green job creation, investment in our crumbling infrastructure, and policies that aim to address economic inequality by ensuring that working people receive their fair share of Florida's prosperity.

Resolution Language:

WHEREAS, the FDP seeks economic justice, fairness, economic security, and prosperity for all Floridians;
WHEREAS, a healthy economy must not only provide fulfilling work. It must also protect prosperity for those who cannot work, including: the sick, vulnerable, disabled, elderly, and those experiencing trauma or transition. We believe everyone has the right to economic security in retirement, and support protection and expansion of Social Security;
WHEREAS, the FDP supports protecting and expanding Florida's main economic sectors, including but not limited to, tourism, space exploration and agriculture.
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The FDP believes in a living wage, fair compensation for all, and in building an economy that capitalizes on human potential rather than human suffering.
We aim to build an economy that generates healthy communities and businesses, and gives all Floridians the opportunities to thrive and prosper. This requires secure jobs that offer dignity, work-life balance, a living wage and equal pay for equal work. We believe all workers should have paid sick and family leave, and the right to organize and collectively bargain.
The Florida Democratic Party opposes harmful economic practices that exploit low-income Floridians, including predatory payday lending practices. The FDP supports interest rates caps on payday loans.
BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the FDP supports investments in job creation and training to accelerate Florida's conversion to renewable energy, as well as the construction of more sustainable infrastructure. We support investment in public servants, including service(wo)men, teachers and first-responders, as well as in small businesses that make communities thrive.
BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, in order to protect prosperity for all Floridians, the FDP believes large corporations and the wealthiest Americans must pay their fair share. We believe in closing tax loopholes and taxing Wall Street transactions, so that hardworking Floridians and small businesses do not pay excess taxes to support tax breaks for the most well off among us.

Title: Supporting the Right to Free, Accessible, Equitable, and Quality Public Education, Investment in Trade and Technical Schools, and the end of the For-Profit Education Industry that takes funds away from Public Education

Summary:

Every American deserves access to a free, accessible, equitable, high-quality education from pre-K through post-secondary education—whether that's through a college education or a trade and technical school. The Florida Democratic Party (FDP) calls for an end to the for-profit education industry that take funds from public education—there must be a moratorium on charter expansion until safeguards that ensure accountability are in put in place.

Resolution Language:

WHEREAS, our economy depends on the expansion of an educated workforce ready to seize the future, and our democracy requires an educated and well-informed electorate;
WHEREAS, Florida lags behind the national average in educational investment and outcomes;
WHEREAS, student loan debt has placed a crushing and unacceptable burden on Florida students;

WHEREAS, Florida fails to adequately invest in trade and technical schools that offer their, students opportunities beyond post-secondary institutions to prepare for the modern workforce;

WHEREAS, the for-profit education industry, that takes funds from public education, has led to unaccountable institutions that have been detrimental to our students and our public schools.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the FDP believes all Floridians have the right to a free, accessible, equitable, high-quality, public education from pre-K through a college or trade and technical school. We support publicly funded schools that are accountable to the community for educational outcomes and for the delivery of equitable education opportunities for all students. We recognize that teachers have a vital role in raising the next generation of citizens, and we support measures that ensure they are rewarded for taking on this responsibility.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the FDP will advocate for the establishment of trade and technical schools throughout the state, and will make an effort to direct students who are not going to college to these trade and technical schools so that they can be competitive in this 21st century economy.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the Florida Democratic Party calls for a moratorium on new, privately- managed, for-profit charter schools; will oppose any legislation that seeks to weaken oversight and accountability of charter schools and further privatize our public education system; and will seek/support legislation which strengthens the oversight of charter schools and returns control to local school districts, parents, and teachers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Florida Democratic Party opposes subsidizing for-profit charter schools with public money and calls for full funding and support of high-quality, free public education for all children.

Title: Safeguarding the Equal Rights, Inclusion and Protection of All People

Summary:

This resolution supports the equal rights, inclusion and protection of all people regardless of race, gender (sex) and gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, socio-economic status, disability, etc. and condemns all forms of discrimination and hatred.

Resolution Language:

WHEREAS, we take a firm stand against the degradation and mistreatment of all women – particularly women of color who disproportionately face discrimination and harassment;

WHEREAS, it is our responsibility and moral obligation to continue to support the awareness of the effects of bullying on our youth.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Florida Democratic Party will condemn all acts of discrimination and bullying concerning, but not limited to, Islamophobia, anti-Semitism, xenophobia, sexual orientation, religious beliefs or lack thereof, creed, belief, sex and gender/gender identity, race and/or color, age, family and/or marital status, source of income, veteran status, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, conscience, national, ethnic or social origin, political, language, age and culture.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the Florida Democratic Party supports religious liberty and free speech, we do not support any individual or group using religion or free speech to justify discrimination. Both can be used to block LGBT+ Americans from achieving full civil rights including protections in employment and housing, the freedom to marry, the right to adopt, and other rights and protections guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the Florida Democratic Party supports that equality of rights under the law should not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex, race, color, physical or mental disability, marital status, gender and gender identity, religion, creed, conscience, belief, national, ethnic or social origin, sexual orientation, political, language, age, and culture. The Florida Democratic Party stands with policies that support these rights, including a state and national constitutional amendment.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the FDP, DECs, Clubs, and Caucuses will provide a mechanism for attendees with disabilities to make requests for reasonable program modifications of meetings and events.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the members of the Florida Democratic Party are committed to supporting candidates, legislation, and policies that are committed to giving persons with disabilities, their loved ones, and their caregivers compassion and an equitable opportunity for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The Florida Democratic Party acknowledges that disability rights are civil rights.

The Florida Democratic Party will model these values by working together to create disability inclusive policies that lead to more civic engagement and voter turnout for people with disabilities. We will model these values by using technology to create accessible, culturally competent, relevant messaging; conducting voter outreach and political

education to people with disabilities; with accessibility to and in the Florida Democratic Party's events and campaigns and by increasing opportunities for people with disabilities within the Party's leadership, staff, and within our bench of candidates. BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, in addition to condemning all acts of discrimination, the Florida Democratic Party will strive to protect and support the civil rights and liberties of all people.

Title: Supporting Equity & Reform in the Criminal Justice System

Summary:

We believe in building a justice system that is truly just by putting an end to racial discrimination, disproportionate incarceration, police brutality towards minority communities, militarization of police and prisons, and the death penalty.

Resolution Language:

WHEREAS, the Florida Democratic Party (FDP) aims to build a restorative justice system that is truly just; WHEREAS, prison rates in the US are the world's highest and incarceration disproportionately affects a high number of Black and Latino Americans;

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Corrections has the third largest prison system in the country, with 100,000 incarcerated;

WHEREAS, Florida has the second highest number of Death Row inmates in the country that also disproportionately affects minority communities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the FDP opposes a for-profit justice system and private prisons, and demands local community oversight and demilitarization of police and prisons. We believe effective policing is achieved through community engagement, not through force.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the FDP believes we must end racial profiling, disproportionate incarceration, criminalization of minority communities, and police brutality.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, we oppose the death penalty not only for moral reasons, but also because it is applied unequally and is more costly for taxpayers.

Title: Environmental Justice for All Floridians

Summary:

The Florida Democratic Party (FDP) supports environmental protections, renewable energy, clean air, food and water for all Floridians.

Resolution Language:

WHEREAS, the FDP seeks environmental justice through careful stewardship of our land, air, and water, and sustainable growth management of our infrastructure development;

WHEREAS, Floridians must have access to clean, safe drinking water and food and Florida's aquifer is already compromised from overuse and polluted runoff. We must protect Florida's beaches, waterways, and unique ecosystems that are on the verge of collapse;

WHEREAS, The adverse impacts of extreme weather events, saltwater intrusion into the aquifer, shoreline erosion, rising sea levels, spreading invasive species, algae blooms, fish kills, droughts, floods, wildfires, and loss of biodiversity negatively impact Floridians unique ecological habitats upon which our livelihoods and quality of life depend.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Florida must invest in renewable solar and wind energy sources, as migrating Florida's power grid to renewable solar and wind sources will reduce greenhouse gas emissions, pollution, and their associated human health impacts while improving economic opportunity in Florida.

Florida Democrats oppose hydraulic fracturing, acid fracturing and well-stimulation (fracking), the construction, operation, and funding of the Sabal Trail, and other projects that the negative environmental impacts outweigh the economic value. Florida Democrats will encourage the use of reusable and recycled containers and products in lieu of plastics.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, The Florida Democratic Party calls upon our state legislators to propose and/or support legislation that will uphold these environmental protections and support pro-environmental policies that help create better paying jobs and a living wage.

Title: Ending Felon Disenfranchisement in Florida

Summary:

A resolution of support for the automatic restoration of voting rights to Floridians with felony convictions after they have completed all terms of their sentences.

Resolution Language:

WHEREAS, Florida disenfranchises more than ten percent of its voting-age population and more than twenty percent of its African-American voting-age population. This injustice is not a representation of the party's platform and ultimately deprives more than 1.5 million Floridians. Florida remains as one of few states to permanently disenfranchise returning citizens, unless they receive clemency;

WHEREAS, the majority of our country is in favor of restoring endowed rights to felons and the American Probation and Parole Association is in favor of ending felon disenfranchisement. FDP supports restoring these rights, post-sentence and facilitating the rehabilitation and reintegration of returning citizens into their communities;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Florida Democratic Party supports the automatic restoration of voting rights to Floridians with felony convictions after they have completed all terms of their sentence (including parole and probation).

Title: Supporting Voting Rights for all Citizens and Expanding Voter Participation

Summary:

The Florida Democratic Party believes that voting is a sacred and fundamental right that must be protected. Maximizing voter participation is a Democratic core principle and we support policies that expand voter participation.

Resolution Language:

WHEREAS, the Florida Democratic Party believes voting is a right and a responsibility of every American. The Democratic Party is the party of inclusion, founded on the promise of an expanded democracy where voting is a sacred and fundamental right that must be protected and where maximizing voter participation is a core principle;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Florida Democratic Party upholds the fundamental principle that each person should have one vote regardless of where they live, how much money they make, their race, or any other demographic status.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the Florida Democratic Party supports policies that expand voting rights for Americans and make voting easier, including automatic voter registration at age 18, online voter registration, a national voting holiday and protections from gerrymandering.

Title: Supporting Home Rule & Opposing Big Money in Politics

Summary:

We support home rule as critical to accomplishing progressive change at the local level, and encourage municipalities to enact policy changes in an attempt to create fair, public financing of elections.

Resolution Language:

WHEREAS, the Florida Democratic Party seeks democracy and self-determination for all Floridians;

WHEREAS we are committed to ensuring that communities have a voice in their own government;

WHEREAS, our local communities are places where Democratic and progressive elected officials can make positive changes in public policy that affect their constituent's daily lives;

WHEREAS, contributions from big money influences can be a corrupting force in public policy.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Florida Democratic Party actively supports counties and municipalities in their right to govern themselves through "home rule" and encourage them to enact fair, public financing of elections, so that holding office isn't a privilege of the wealthy.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the Florida Democratic Party aims to elect leaders who represent all of the people they serve, not special interests and donors who fund their campaigns. We support fundamental campaign finance reform in an effort to eliminate the corrupting influence of money in public policy. We encourage the development of small-

contribution political fundraising methods and policies such as the inability for politicians to accept lobbying jobs upon leaving office, elimination of lobbyist loopholes, and stronger anti-corruption laws.

Title: Resolution Supporting Immigration and Immigrant Rights

Summary:

The Florida Democratic Party supports passing compassionate immigration policies that are consistent with the values of freedom, opportunity, and respect for human rights that our country seeks to uphold.

Resolution Language:

WHEREAS, the Florida Democratic Party believes immigration enriches our country and our state, where one in five residents is an immigrant, and supports an immigration policy guided by love rather than fear that honors America's call to the world's "huddled masses yearning to breathe free";

WHEREAS, immigrants are equal members of our communities and contribute to our economy. We are a nation of immigrants: diversity makes our nation stronger, not weaker.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Florida Democratic Party supports comprehensive immigration reform that addresses fairness, family reunification, and a path to citizenship for undocumented immigrants in our communities, and is consistent with the values of freedom, opportunity, compassion, and respect for human rights that we uphold. BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, The Florida Democratic Party affirms that the United States must remain a beacon of opportunity open to people of all faiths and backgrounds and should offer shelter to refugees fleeing war, persecution, and famine.

Title: Resolution Supporting Health Care as a Human Right

Summary:

The Florida Democratic Party supports quality and guaranteed health care as a right for all Floridians and supports policies that work towards a more progressive health care system.

Resolution Language:

WHEREAS, the Florida Democratic Party aims to build a health care system that not only cares for the sick, but also emphasizes preventative health care;

WHEREAS, the Florida Democratic Party believes socioeconomic factors should not be a determining factor in access to quality health care;

WHEREAS, the Florida Democratic Party believes in protecting and advancing reproductive health and a woman's right to choose.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Florida Democratic Party believes health care is a human right. Health care should be guaranteed to every American and the Florida Democratic Party supports health and wellness for all Floridians.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the Florida Democratic Party shall fully support and advocate for a progressive health care system that ensures quality and guaranteed health care for all.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the Florida Democratic Party shall fully support and advocate for Medicaid expansion in the state of Florida.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, we are committed to defending and advancing women's reproductive rights, including but not limited to, a woman's right to choose, preventative health care and access to contraceptives.

Title: Keep Florida's Public Land and Beaches Publicly Owned

Summary:

The Florida Democratic Party supports protecting ownership of Florida's public lands and beaches.

Resolution Language:

WHEREAS, Florida's beaches and natural resources are important economic drivers and available for Floridians' wellness and leisure. The privatization of these areas will disrupt the economic advantages of small businesses and the tourism industry. Public access in Florida and across the U.S. is currently being targeted for privatization, which in turn will have a larger economic impact than just a lack of general experience to the public.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Florida Democratic Party opposes any effort to remove public land ownership from the public in the State of Florida.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the Florida Democratic Party supports local, state, and federal policymakers in their effort to strengthen public land protections. The Florida Democratic Party concurs with the DNC Platform in protecting public lands from privatization and further encourages all elected Florida Democrats to act in support of this resolution.

Title: Promoting Responsible Gun Ownership and Common Sense Gun Safety

Summary:

The Florida Democratic Party supports responsible gun ownership and supports reasonable actions to address and decrease gun violence.

Resolution Language:

WHEREAS, the Florida Democratic Party seeks to end gun violence and mass shootings. We seek to promote responsible gun ownership, gun safety and common sense gun control that decreases gun violence in the state of Florida.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Florida Democratic Party supports meaningful and substantive policies that provide additional gun safety measures that assist and educate Floridians to be reasonable and responsible gun owners in order to improve the outcomes for our neighbors, our children, our friends and families.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the Florida Democratic Party supports policies that regulate semi- automatics and accessories, including but not limited to, all semi-automatic weapons; armor- piercing ammunition; high capacity magazines or clips that can hold more than 10 bullets at a time; and bump stocks or any accessory that simulates the ability of a fully automatic weapon.

Title: Identify and Advocate for Florida Veterans and Military Families

Summary:

The Florida Democratic Party aims to identify Democratic veterans and military families to enlist them in defense of their benefits. The Florida Democratic Party advocates for adequate funding for veteran health care through the VA and other benefits.

Resolution Language:

WHEREAS, Florida ranks third among states in the nation with the number of veterans, with approximately 1.5 million veterans residing in this state;

WHEREAS, the implementation of increased “outside options” for healthcare for veterans has led to the privatization of the VA.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Florida Democratic Party, in partnership with the Democratic Veterans Caucus of Florida, advocates for increased funding for the modernization and expansion of the Veteran Affairs system.

The Florida Democratic Party advocates against the defunding and privatization of the Veteran Affairs system.

The Florida Democratic Party advocates for veterans, Gold Star families, expressing respect and appreciation for their sacrifices by fighting against all efforts to diminish veteran benefits.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the Florida Democratic Party requests that all Florida Democrats identify Democratic veterans in their communities and raise awareness of the issues stated in this resolution.

The Florida Democratic Party recommends that Florida Democratic Party DEC's identify veterans among activists, voters and those registering to vote and enter their data in VAN.

Title: Supporting Greater Youth Engagement in the Florida Democratic Party

Summary:

Young Democrats are critical in deciding elections--both in voting bloc size as well as the manpower they provide to our candidates and campaigns. The Florida Democratic Party aims for fair representation of young people in Democratic organizations and activities.

Resolution Language:

WHEREAS, young Americans often have a lower voter turnout yet tend to skew towards the Democratic Party;

WHEREAS, the Florida Democratic Party seeks fair representation of young people in Democratic organizations that is representative of the impact young people have in deciding and winning elections for Democrats.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

The Florida Democratic Party shall strive for greater youth engagement on its committees and in its events.

Title: Supporting Patient Centered Treatment for Drug Addiction Recovery

Summary:

The opioid epidemic is a crisis and it has been declared a State of Emergency in Florida. The Florida Democratic Party supports public health focused, comprehensive, outcome driven treatment and recovery support systems in order to reduce tragedies and save lives.

Resolution Language:

WHEREAS, the deadly opioid overdose epidemic has had a disproportionately disastrous effect on our state, costing the lives of thousands of Floridians;

WHEREAS, the Florida Democratic Party supports policies that prioritize the treatment of drug addiction over its criminalization.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Florida Democratic Party supports policies that distribute resources to addiction treatment, prevention, and recovery programs aimed at combating opioid and other drug addictions.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED, the Florida Democratic Party believes that addiction prevention and recovery programs should not prevent people with chronic illness and/or disabled people to access necessary medications.