

# Democratic Party of Wisconsin 2018 Resolutions

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1 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

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3 **18-AGE-01: FOXCONN'S HANDLING OF PRECIPITATION (100 WORDS)**

4 WHEREAS, wetlands enable groundwater recharge so that wells do not run dry;  
5 WHEREAS, wetlands store precipitation so that communities downstream are not flooded in rainstorms;  
6 WHEREAS, Wisconsin is allowing FoxConn to dredge and fill wetlands on their Mount Pleasant site;  
7 WHEREAS, FoxConn is converting up to 1000 acres of wetland and open fields to impervious surfaces; and,  
8 WHEREAS, the loss of the wetlands and water absorbing surface is likely to result in dry wells for neighbors and  
9 flooding for downstream communities;  
10 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that FoxConn be required to infiltrate into ground 90% of the precipitation on site, through  
11 green infrastructure.  
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13 **18-AGE-02: DECOMMISSION ENBRIDGE LINE 5 (99 WORDS)**

14 WHEREAS, Enbridge Line 5 carries 23m gallons of petroleum products daily through the Straits of Mackinac;  
15 WHEREAS, a rupture of Line 5 would spew petroleum products into three Great Lakes, and impact up to 700 miles of  
16 shoreline;  
17 WHEREAS, sediments have shifted significantly such that there are now unsupported spans over 250 feet instead of  
18 the required maximum of 75 feet; and,  
19 WHEREAS, turbulent currents within the Straits, combined with the degrading enzymes from zebra mussels and  
20 aging pipe welds, increase the risk for corrosion and potential fissures in the pipes;  
21 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, Enbridge Line 5 should be decommissioned.  
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23 **18-AGE-03: CLEAN WISCONSIN ENERGY SECURITY BY 2050 OR SOONER (100 WORDS)**

24 WHEREAS, climate disruption poses an existential threat to life on earth; and,  
25 WHEREAS, many municipalities, from Lake Superior to Wisconsin's southern border, and from Lake Michigan to the  
26 Mississippi River, have begun taking action to protect the state's families and communities from climate disruption;  
27 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW is committed to a just, all-sector transition to 100% renewable energy and a  
28 more secure economy by 2050 or sooner, prioritizing energy conservation and efficiency, and without fossil (coal,  
29 "natural" gas, oil, etc.), risky nuclear, polluting-hydropower, or food-competitive biomass energy sources, while  
30 offsetting historical climate disrupting emissions as soon as feasible.  
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32 **18-AGE-04: FOREST LAND TAXATION POLICIES (96 WORDS)**

33 WHEREAS, forest land can be assessed at half value;  
34 WHEREAS, the managed forest program was intended as a boon to rural counties;  
35 WHEREAS, the accelerated purchase of forest lands by wealthy non-resident landowners has resulted in a massive  
36 transfer of wealth; and,  
37 WHEREAS, in small counties like Buffalo this tax break deprives local government of \$5 million in needed yearly  
38 revenue for basic operational costs;  
39 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW urge the legislature to change the eligibility for these programs and limit tax  
40 benefits to residents, thus restoring needed revenues to school systems and county governments.

1 **18-AGE-05: PROTECTION OF WATER RESOURCES (95 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, water is held in the public trust by the state of Wisconsin;  
3 WHEREAS, the Great Lake Region holds 90% of our nation's fresh surface water;  
4 WHEREAS, groundwater is a critical natural resource held in common; and,  
5 WHEREAS, Foxconn is estimated to permanently remove almost a billion gallons of water per year from Lake  
6 Michigan and perpetual high cap well permitting lays the groundwork for privatization of a resource held in common  
7 to the people of Wisconsin;  
8 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW support the protection of state water resources as stipulated in our state  
9 constitution.

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11 **18-AGE-06: IN SUPPORT OF PROTECTING WISCONSIN WATERWAYS FROM MINING AND REPEALING 2017 ACT 134**  
12 **(98 WORDS)**

13 WHEREAS, lakes, rivers, wetlands, and other waterways are an essential asset to Wisconsin's identity, providing for  
14 recreation, agriculture, and economic interests, and vital to numerous ecosystems;  
15 WHEREAS, these waterways are interconnected; affecting all Wisconsin communities;  
16 WHEREAS, mining, prospecting, exploration, and bulk sampling of various nonferrous metals poses a threat of leaks  
17 and spillage to the waterways, which could have irreversible effects; and,  
18 WHEREAS, 2017 Act 134 repeals most integral regulatory oversights protecting Wisconsin waterways from certain  
19 metal mining and related activities;  
20 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW will work to reinstate necessary oversights on mining and repeal 2017 Act 134.

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22 **18-AGE-07: ENVIRONMENTAL JOBS (98 WORDS)**

23 WHEREAS, our Nation's wealth lies in the resources of the earth, soil, water, forests, minerals, and wildlife;  
24 WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency was created in 1970 to protect human health and the environment,  
25 and employs engineers, scientists, and environmental protection specialists; and,  
26 WHEREAS, a number of public officials have denounced climate change, rejected facts and science, put profit over  
27 public safety, and sought expansion of oil, gas, and coal, whatever the environmental costs;  
28 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW will encourage increased EPA funding, tax incentives and grants to promote  
29 environmental innovations in technology, energy, and conservation, thus creating jobs.

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31 **18-AGE-08: ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT (89 WORDS)**

32 WHEREAS, Wisconsin is home to gorgeous landscapes and diverse, abundant wildlife;  
33 WHEREAS, Wisconsin citizens have an interest in fostering Wisconsin's natural beauty for generations to come; and,  
34 WHEREAS, many jobs and economic opportunities exist in clean energy and environmental management;  
35 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports legislation to ensure proper management of Wisconsin's natural resources  
36 through the implementation of renewable and alternative energy;  
37 FURTHER RESOLVED, DPW supports ensuring that individuals in traditional energy careers are protected throughout  
38 these efforts; and,  
39 FINALLY RESOLVED, DPW supports sustainable futures and deriving economic opportunities therefrom.

1 **18-AGE-09: CLEAN POWER PLAN, CO<sub>2</sub> CAPTURE BY POWER PLANTS (67 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, climate change requires comprehensive plans to modify humans' impact on the global environment;  
3 WHEREAS, the Clean Power Plan, proposed by the EPA under the Obama Administration in 2014, would reduce CO<sub>2</sub>  
4 emissions from fossil fuel power plants by 30% by 2030;  
5 WHEREAS, the Trump Administration is working to repeal the Plan; and,  
6 WHEREAS, Wisconsin has a history of environmentally friendly regulations;  
7 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW stands for environmentally friendly regulations and reinstatement of the Clean Power  
8 Plan.

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10 **18-AGE-10: SUPPORT OF MASS TRANSIT (79 WORDS)**

11 WHEREAS, individual vehicle use for routine transportation increases the consumption of fossil fuels and increases  
12 traffic flow that contributes to accidents and delays; and,  
13 WHEREAS, heavy road use from routine transportation accelerates road wear and escalates repair costs; and,  
14 WHEREAS, development of mass transit options will create good-paying jobs for our citizens;  
15 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports initiatives to increase local mass transit and passenger rail options within  
16 and between cities, especially focusing on hybrid fuel and non-fossil-fuel options.

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19 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING JUSTICE, HUMANS CONCERNS, AND DEMOCRACY**

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21 **18-JHD-01: REFUSE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE NRA (64 WORDS)**

22 WHEREAS, the National Rifle Association (NRA) consistently opposes reasonable proposals supported by their  
23 members and the general public to create firearm safety legislation, despite mass murders of innocent persons  
24 including school children; and,  
25 WHEREAS, NRA donates to candidates from both major political parties;  
26 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW requests Democratic candidates to refrain from accepting campaign contributions  
27 from NRA until NRA supports reasonable firearm safety legislation.

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29 **18-JHD-02: GUN SAFETY (94 WORDS)**

30 WHEREAS, there have been 239 school shootings in America since the Sandy Hook shooting;  
31 WHEREAS, 31% of mass shootings take place in the United States; and,  
32 WHEREAS, our children should be safe in school as at home;  
33 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that DPW supports sensible gun safety laws, including: Banning "assault" weapons and  
34 ammunition clips that hold more than 5 rounds, closing background check loopholes, creating a 21-year-old  
35 minimum age for gun and ammunition purchases, required licensing for all gun owners, registration of all firearms,  
36 and requiring guns in homes with minors to be locked away.

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38 **18-JHD-03: GUN VIOLENCE PREVENTION (99 WORDS)**

39 WHEREAS, gun violence is a preventable health crisis resulting in 33,000+ U.S. deaths annually; and,  
40 WHEREAS, we recognize "the right secured by the Second Amendment is not unlimited" (Heller);  
41 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports background checks on all gun transfers; a ban and buyback of magazines  
42 for assault style weapons, large magazines, rapid-fire devices; and a time-limited prohibition on gun ownership by  
43 those with violent misdemeanor convictions;  
44 FURTHER RESOLVED, DPW supports a comprehensive gun violence prevention plan including access to mental  
45 health services, a 48-hour waiting period for any gun purchase, and the creation of a Lethal Violence Protective  
46 Order.

1 **18-JHD-04: SAFE SCHOOLS (98 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, student safety is absolutely necessary within a school building;  
3 WHEREAS, security officers and police can provide necessary security;  
4 WHEREAS, the responsibility of an educator is above all else to teach their students;  
5 WHEREAS, funding for some Wisconsin public schools is necessary to compensate staff, update classroom  
6 technologies, restore buildings, or reduce class sizes; and,  
7 WHEREAS, funding to arm and train educational staff of a school takes from necessary and critical efforts that  
8 increase the productivity and functionality of students within their school;  
9 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW strongly opposes any legislation that would seek to arm educators with firearms.

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11 **18-JHD-05: HAIR DISCRIMINATION (72 WORDS)**

12 WHEREAS, a large percentage of people are endowed with facial hair;  
13 WHEREAS, numerous religions urge their members to not cut their hair or shave;  
14 WHEREAS, Title VII prohibits employers from penalizing employees for failing to conform to gender stereotypes  
15 associated with their sex; and,  
16 WHEREAS, hair length and styles vary widely by cultural and racial identities;  
17 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports non-discrimination based on the length or style of head and facial hair.

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19 **18-JHD-06: IN SUPPORT OF AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE CHILD-CARE FOR WISCONSIN FAMILIES (100 WORDS)**

20 WHEREAS, childcare is one of the largest expenses that Wisconsin families face;  
21 WHEREAS, Wisconsin is consistently poorly ranked in infant care affordability;  
22 WHEREAS, the cost of childcare per year can cost more than a year of in-state college tuition;  
23 WHEREAS, typical minimum and low-wage earners spend over half their yearly income to pay for childcare for one  
24 child for one year;  
25 WHEREAS, government-funded research shows capping the cost of childcare expenses to an affordable rate would  
26 expand Wisconsin's economy;  
27 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW commits itself to advocating for policies to improve access to affordable, high-  
28 quality childcare and development programs.

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30 **18-JHD-07: ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE AND EFFECTIVE HEALTHCARE INSURANCE (87 WORDS)**

31 WHEREAS, access to healthcare is a fundamental human right, and by extension access to affordable and effective  
32 healthcare insurance regardless of pre-existing conditions;  
33 WHEREAS, Governor Walker, the Wisconsin State Legislature, President Trump, the United States Congress have  
34 taken actions to subvert by several means the successful implementation of the Affordable Care Act in Wisconsin;  
35 WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin successfully administers the BadgerCare Plus medical insurance program for low  
36 income residents;  
37 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports the ability of all residents of Wisconsin to purchase BadgerCare Plus.

1 **18-JHD-08: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SINGLE-PAYER HEALTHCARE (96 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, today's market approach to health insurance market leaves millions of Americans uninsured and  
3 underinsured;  
4 WHEREAS, healthcare is a fundamental human right, essential to our economic and social fabric;  
5 WHEREAS, every American deserves basic health care; and,  
6 WHEREAS, single-payer systems, such as the "Medicare for All" approach proposed in HR 676, provide an efficient,  
7 just, and humane way to deliver universal coverage to all Americans;  
8 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW demand adoption of a program providing access to quality, affordable  
9 healthcare for all in a single payer system, such as expanded and improved Medicare for all.

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11 **18-JHD-09: EXPANDING UNIVERSAL CHILDCARE (96 WORDS)**

12 WHEREAS, our platform recognizes that childcare costs impose a significant burden on low and middle income  
13 Wisconsin families;  
14 WHEREAS, lack of access to childcare reduces the educational and economic opportunity of all people, especially  
15 women, low income households, and people of color; and,  
16 WHEREAS, access to affordable, accessible, high quality early childhood care and education is one of the most  
17 effective ways to improve long-term educational and societal outcomes;  
18 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW supports legislation that expands access to affordable childcare that meets  
19 the needs of all families, at all times, and in all areas.

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21 **18-JHD-10: MATERNAL SUPPORT (72 WORDS)**

22 WHEREAS, Wisconsin requires updated legislation regarding childbirth, infant well-being, and family support; and,  
23 WHEREAS, the best way to ensure the proper welfare of children and families is to increase access to programs and  
24 education that promote knowledge and safe practices regarding childbirth and early childcare;  
25 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports increasing access and funding to medical care, health programs, welfare  
26 outlets, and educational opportunities regarding infant and maternal health and early childhood well-being.

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28 **18-JHD-11: DPW POSITION ON THE OPIATE/HEROIN CRISIS (100 WORDS)**

29 WHEREAS, Wisconsin is in the midst of an opiate/heroin crisis that continues to escalate;  
30 WHEREAS, for all those who have died from this public health crisis, thousands remain in our communities, without  
31 access to treatment;  
32 WHEREAS, over one thousand Wisconsin residents are on waiting lists to receive Methadone, for many the  
33 cornerstone of their recovery; and,  
34 WHEREAS, most all legislation proposed regarding the opiate/heroin crisis has been initiated and implemented by the  
35 Republicans, yet there is no statewide policy;  
36 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW shall develop a plan using evidence-based practices to ensure access to recovery  
37 services for those in need.

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39 **18-JHD-12: RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE DATE OF FEDERAL ELECTIONS (74 WORDS)**

40 WHEREAS, federal elections occur on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November;  
41 WHEREAS, the intent of holding elections on that date was to increase voter turnout;  
42 WHEREAS, weekday elections decrease voter turnout due to conflicting work or school schedules; and,  
43 WHEREAS, holding federal elections on the Tuesday following the first Monday of November have failed their  
44 intended purpose;  
45 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the date of federal elections be changed to the first Saturday of November.

1 **18-JHD-13: NON-PARTISAN COMMISSION TO ELIMINATE GERRYMANDERING AND APPLY THE EFFICIENCY GAP TEST**  
2 **(100 WORDS)**

3 WHEREAS, DPW has repeatedly called for a non-partisan redistricting commission to eliminate gerrymandering;  
4 WHEREAS, in Whitford v. Gill the "efficiency gap" was used to conclude that the Republicans illegally gerrymandered  
5 Wisconsin's districts in 2011; and,  
6 WHEREAS, the "efficiency gap" test is the difference between the two parties' wasted votes, divided by the total  
7 number of votes;  
8 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the Constitution be amended to reduce the possibility of gerrymandering by  
9 implementation of a non-partisan redistricting commission; and,  
10 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the commission use clearly defined requirements and priorities when drawing districts and  
11 that efficiency gap test be used to identify gerrymandering.

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13 **18-JHD-14: VOTER REGISTRATION REQUIREMENT FOR 18-YEAR-OLD WISCONSINITES (88 WORDS)**

14 WHEREAS, there are large numbers of 18-year-old Wisconsinites who are not registered to vote;  
15 WHEREAS, Wisconsin high school students are required to meet state mandated graduation requirements designed  
16 to encourage citizenship participation;  
17 WHEREAS, Wisconsinites can register to vote using in person or web-based methods;  
18 WHEREAS, registered voters are more likely to participate in the voting process; and,  
19 WHEREAS, coordination with local clerks, school officials, and state agencies can expedite completion of voter  
20 registration;  
21 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that all Wisconsin 18-year-olds who are eligible to vote be registered to vote.

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23 **18-JHD-15: HOUSING IS A HUMAN RIGHT (72 WORDS)**

24 WHEREAS, there is an affordable housing crisis across the State of Wisconsin;  
25 WHEREAS, many families spend over half their income on rent; and,  
26 WHEREAS, safe, stable, long-term housing is the foundation on which recovery from struggles with mental health,  
27 unemployment, addiction, and physical health can be built;  
28 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW recognizes housing as a human right and supports legislation that ensures  
29 access for all people to safe, stable, long-term, and affordable housing.

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31 **18-JHD-16: SAFE ROADS IN WISCONSIN (85 WORDS)**

32 WHEREAS, Wisconsin should have safe roads in all 72 counties; and,  
33 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of all persons traveling on Wisconsin roads to have them safely constructed and  
34 well maintained;  
35 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW supports the placement of the issue of safe roads on the ballot in each  
36 county, as an advisory referendum, during the fall election in 2018 to make certain. there is sufficient state funding  
37 for the DOT to construct and maintain state, county, town, city, and village infrastructures.

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39 **18-JHD-17 THE DRUG WAR AND MARIJUANA LAWS (83 WORDS)**

40 WHEREAS, Cannabis has been growing for millions of years, is extremely 'green', a valuable source of bioenergy, and  
41 one of the strongest fibers on the planet for textile use;  
42 WHEREAS, arrests for marijuana possession are disproportionately of young and non-white citizens, and jail  
43 sentences are often disproportionate to the crime; and,  
44 WHEREAS, no one has died from marijuana;  
45 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the US and Wisconsin legislate amnesty for those convicted of possession, and reform  
46 marijuana laws, making them similar to alcohol and tobacco regulations.



1 **18-JHD-18: NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE INTERSTATE COMPACT (89 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, Federalist Paper 68 states: the Electoral College mission is to prevent persons possessing “talents of  
3 intrigue” from becoming president;  
4 WHEREAS, the Electoral College failed its mission in 2016;  
5 WHEREAS, only a constitutional amendment can abolish the Electoral College;  
6 WHEREAS, less populated states, per capita, carry greater electoral weight than states with large populations; and,  
7 WHEREAS, the U.S. Constitution allows the individual states, via state legislation, to allocate their electoral votes in a  
8 manner they deem fit;  
9 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports enactment of the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact.

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11 **18-JHD-19: NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE (100 WORDS)**

12 WHEREAS, the concept of one person, one vote is fundamental to democracy; and,  
13 WHEREAS, use of the Electoral College to elect the President does not reflect the popular votes cast for candidates  
14 but creates a circumstance under which the votes of residents in populous states are worth less than votes of  
15 residents of less populous states;  
16 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW supports a state referendum to adopt the National Popular Vote Interstate  
17 Compact and pledge Wisconsin’s electoral votes to whomever wins the national popular vote, to go into effect after  
18 enough states adopt the Compact to equal 270 electoral votes.

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20 **18-JHD-20: REPEAL OF CORPORATE PERSONHOOD (94 WORDS), WAS FIRST ADOPTED IN 2016 AS 16-JHD-13**

21 WHEREAS, the US Supreme Court in the January 2010 Citizens United decision ruled that Corporations are persons,  
22 entitled to buy elections and run our government;  
23 WHEREAS, human beings are people, while corporations are legal fictions, without conscience, beliefs, feelings,  
24 thoughts, life, and breath; and,  
25 WHEREAS, the profits and institutional survival of large corporations are often in direct conflict with the essential  
26 needs and rights of people;  
27 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports repealing the Citizens United decision through a constitutional  
28 amendment which clarifies that corporations are not persons under the laws of the United States.

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30 **18-JHD-21: LEGALIZATION OF MARIJUANA (80 WORDS)**

31 WHEREAS, the criminalization of marijuana is part of a failed “war on drugs” that has disproportionately incarcerated  
32 thousands of people of color and poor people;  
33 WHEREAS, the prohibition of medical marijuana has denied veterans, the terminally ill, and people with chronic pain  
34 non-addictive treatment options; and,  
35 WHEREAS, cannabis would stimulate rural agricultural economies and reduce the need to build prisons;  
36 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports the legalization, regulation, and taxation of medical and recreational  
37 marijuana.

1 **18-JHD-22: ELIMINATE "BOYFRIEND LOOPHOLE", HELP STOP GUN VIOLENCE (94 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, many people who commit domestic violence are dating partners;  
3 WHEREAS, these are not recognized under federal law as domestic relationships;  
4 WHEREAS, these abusers are not prohibited from purchasing or possessing firearms;  
5 WHEREAS, this is known as the "boyfriend loophole"; and,  
6 WHEREAS, 23 states have closed this loophole by expanding the definition of domestic partner to "intimate partner",  
7 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW should support legislation that someone who is convicted of domestic abuse  
8 misdemeanor, who dated the victim, never lived with them, and never had children with them, cannot buy, own, or  
9 possess a gun.

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12 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING EDUCATION, LABOR, AND ECONOMICS**

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14 **18-ELE-01: COST-EFFICIENT FOXCONN WORKFORCE COMMUTING, AND SUCH OTHER EMPLOYER/EMPLOYEE**  
15 **CIRCUMSTANCES INFLECTING TRAFFIC CONGESTION NEAR MAJOR CENTERS OF EMPLOYMENT (92 WORDS)**

16 WHEREAS, many hundreds commuting in single occupant vehicles (SOV) is more costly than a shared vehicle of  
17 suitable capacity;

18 WHEREAS, workforces numbering in the thousands commuted in America as they still do in most densely populated  
19 regions of other nations, e.g Nash Motors, Kenosha, 60 years ago; and,

20 WHEREAS, municipal property taxes cannot sufficiently increase to fund multi-mode commuting per mandate of the  
21 Legislature;

22 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the Legislature shall authorize municipalities to dedicate new and/or increased sources of  
23 revenue to support transit; and,

24 FINALLY RESOLVED, said municipalities shall have authority to collaborate in mutual support for multi-mode  
25 commuting.

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27 **18-ELE-02: REPEAL OF UNION RESTRICTIONS (58 WORDS)**

28 WHEREAS, the state of Wisconsin has a long and proud history of progressive government that supports the rights of  
29 workers;

30 WHEREAS, Governor Walker has enacted policies that cripple labor unions representing public employees; and,

31 WHEREAS, the US Constitution guarantees the right of assembly;

32 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW shall support the restoration of union rights and collective bargaining.

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34 **18-ELE-03: REPEAL RIGHT-TO-WORK LAW IN WISCONSIN (97 WORDS)**

35 WHEREAS, Right-to-Work negatively impacts working people by compromising the effectiveness of collective  
36 bargaining through their Unions;

37 WHEREAS, this Law only serves to undermine workers collective efforts to maintain or improve wages, hours and  
38 working conditions;

39 WHEREAS, all workers who decide to work in a Union shop should be required to pay their fair share for activities  
40 germane to collective bargaining; and,

41 WHEREAS, strong and robust collective bargaining can be a more effective way to promote wage growth, equal pay  
42 and non-discrimination than legislation;

43 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party supports all efforts to repeal the Right-to-Work Law.

1 **18-ELE-04: ESTABLISHING UNION ORGANIZING AS A CIVIL RIGHT (97 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, National Union membership has declined from 35% in 1954 to 10.7% in 2017;  
3 WHEREAS, the greatest impediment to union organizing is weak and ineffective labor law;  
4 WHEREAS, many nonunion workers face retaliation by Employers for supporting Union organizing efforts;  
5 WHEREAS, the right to join a union is as fundamental as freedom from discrimination in employment and education;  
6 and,  
7 WHEREAS, the labor movement demonstrates similar values and interests as the civil rights movement;  
8 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW will work to add the right to organize and join a labor union, to Title VII of the Civil  
9 Rights Act.

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11 **18-ELE-05: WISCONSIN'S FUTURE (91 WORDS)**

12 WHEREAS, Wisconsin must ultimately pass its future on to its younger generations; and,  
13 WHEREAS, the capability of these generations to handle this task is bolstered by access to educational and workforce  
14 opportunities;  
15 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports expanding student opportunities, including access to school-to-work  
16 programs and higher education;  
17 FURTHER RESOLVED, DPW supports increased funding for public schools, colleges, tech schools, and other programs  
18 to accomplish this goal, and to relieve students of financial burdens prohibiting their successes; and,  
19 FINALLY RESOLVED, DPW supports Wisconsin's younger generations – caring for them ensures Wisconsin's future.

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21 **18-ELE-06: STOP WORKER MISCLASSIFICATION (95 WORDS)**

22 WHEREAS, misclassification of employees as independent contractors presents a serious problem for affected  
23 employees, employers, and the entire economy;  
24 WHEREAS, misclassified employees are denied access to critical benefits and protections – such as family and  
25 medical leave, overtime, minimum wage, workers compensation and unemployment insurance – to which they are  
26 entitled; and,  
27 WHEREAS, misclassification also generates substantial losses to the Social Security and Medicare funds, as well as  
28 the state unemployment insurance and workers compensation funds,  
29 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports all efforts to put an end to the abusive practice of worker misclassification  
30 through all available means.

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32 **18-ELE-07: CONSUMER CREDIT AND USURY (98 WORDS)**

33 WHEREAS, payday lenders have booked record profits in recent years;  
34 WHEREAS, consumer debt, bankruptcies and foreclosures have destabilized the economy; and,  
35 WHEREAS, Wisconsin laws for payday lenders are among the most lenient, allowing usurious interest rates, changing  
36 loan terms, and charging fees and penalties which financially cripple Wisconsin citizens; be it  
37 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the U.S. and the State to act, to: 1) rein in such interest rates, fees, and penalties  
38 allowed by law; 2) force payday lenders to renegotiate credit card and loan terms, and forgive interest in arrears;  
39 and 3) restore citizens, homes and credit ratings.

1 **18-ELE-08: CHILD POVERTY (83 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, children are the poorest segment of the population;  
3 WHEREAS, 51.39 % of Wisconsin’s children in public schools and 57.1% of children in private schools participated in  
4 the free or reduced lunch program (2015-2016);  
5 WHEREAS, 15.3% of Wisconsin’s children live below the poverty line (2016); and,  
6 WHEREAS, the poverty rate for black children in Wisconsin is the highest in the nation;  
7 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports the goal of cutting childhood poverty in half by 2028 and will promote  
8 policies to achieve that goal.

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10 **18-ELE-09: PRE-KINDERGARTEN FUNDING (92 WORDS)**

11 WHEREAS, research shows that children who receive high quality preschool education are more likely to perform well  
12 in school, graduate on time, and be productive members of society;  
13 WHEREAS, enrollment in Wisconsin’s four year kindergarten continues to grow;  
14 WHEREAS, studies demonstrate that pre-kindergarten participation benefits children from all income levels; and,  
15 WHEREAS, researchers and many in the business community believe investing in quality early education programs  
16 provides financial returns on the investment;  
17 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW fully supports funding and implementing a Pre-kindergarten program in every public  
18 school in the state of Wisconsin.

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20 **18-ELE-10: IN SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION (86 WORDS)**

21 WHEREAS, public school bashing distracts from the serious issues facing our schools, and devalues and demoralizes  
22 staff;  
23 WHEREAS, the interests of teachers and children go hand in hand; and,  
24 WHEREAS, good teaching fosters good learning;  
25 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports real education reform including: a rich curriculum with adequate  
26 resources for the social and emotional needs of students; real decision making for parents, staff, and community  
27 members; full collective bargaining rights for staff; and an end to both high-stakes testing and the privatization of  
28 public schools.

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30 **18-ELE-11: PUBLIC EDUCATION (100 WORDS)**

31 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Constitution establishes “district schools which shall be as nearly uniform as  
32 practicable”;  
33 WHEREAS, public education is a moral pillar upon which the entire structure of democracy rests;  
34 WHEREAS, an educated citizenry is essential to self-governance;  
35 WHEREAS, public education helps all children to be college, career and community ready;  
36 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports a revised funding formula that creates equity in general aid and revenue  
37 limits, including a significant increase in state reimbursement rates for special education services;  
38 FURTHER RESOLVED, DPW supports using public money for public schools and therefore phasing out taxpayer  
39 subsidies for private schools.

1 **18-ELE-12: RETIREMENT PLANNING (90 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, one third of households end up entirely dependent on Social Security;  
3 WHEREAS, nearly 40 million working-age households (45%) do not own any retirement account assets;  
4 WHEREAS, nearly half of private sector workers lack access to any form of employer retirement plan; and,  
5 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Retirement System for public employees is a proven successful model;  
6 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports Senate Bill 302/AB 403 that would set up a process to study, create, and  
7 implement a private retirement security plan based on the principles of the successful Wisconsin Retirement System.  
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9 **18-ELE-13: ENCOURAGE UNANIMOUS BIPARTISAN SUPPORT FOR THE STRONGER WAY ACT (100 WORDS)**

10 WHEREAS, the Stronger Way Act is a proposed Transitional Jobs Program for the general population, funded at the  
11 federal level and sponsored by Senators Tammy Baldwin and Cory Booker;  
12 WHEREAS, the Hire Heroes Program, a transitional jobs program for veterans, was passed with unanimous bipartisan  
13 support at the state level;  
14 WHEREAS, recent investigative reports in the Journal Sentinel indicate the same barriers to unemployment that  
15 veterans suffer, such as PTSD, can be found in the unemployed suffering adverse childhood experiences, such as  
16 homelessness, poverty, abuse and neglect;  
17 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW encourages unanimous bipartisan support for the Stronger Way Act.  
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19 **18-ELE-14: RESOLUTION TO REINSTATE STATE PREVAILING WAGE LAW (96 WORDS)**

20 WHEREAS, the republican dominated legislature has incrementally repealed prevailing wage laws for all levels of  
21 government sponsored construction and infrastructure projects;  
22 WHEREAS, prevailing wage laws have been in place for almost a century to prevent erosion of wages in the  
23 construction industry;  
24 WHEREAS, it is indeterminate that the prevailing wage law repeal will result in savings for taxpayers; and,  
25 WHEREAS, it has been confirmed that areas with no prevailing wage laws result in lower wages for construction  
26 workers;  
27 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports reinstatement of a prevailing wage law for State and municipal construction  
28 and infrastructure projects.  
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31 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

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33 **18-FA-01: STOP THE PRESIDENT FROM STARTING A WAR WITH NORTH KOREA (99 WORDS)**

34 WHEREAS, Representatives Moore, Pocan and Senators Sanders, Warren and others have co-sponsored  
35 "H.R.4837/S.2016 No Unconstitutional Strike Against North Korea Act" and "S.2047: Preventing Preemptive War in  
36 North Korea Act";  
37 WHEREAS, H.R.4837 states a military strike against North Korea without congressional authorization would be  
38 unconstitutional and a conflict on the Korean peninsula would be catastrophic; and,  
39 WHEREAS, H.R.4837 states it is the sense of congress to support a diplomatic resolution;  
40 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW states war is not the answer and supports diplomacy, negotiation, and containment  
41 as the only solution and asks Wisconsin's entire delegation to co-sponsor H.R.4837/S.2016/S.2047 and speak out.  
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1 **18-FA-02: NO FEDERAL FUNDING FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS (100 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, moratoriums on nuclear weapons tests are a proven method for preventing environmental damage and  
3 reducing the likelihood of nuclear war;

4 WHEREAS, the US ended nuclear testing in 1992, has signed and ratified three treaties that limit testing, and has  
5 previously declared that testing is not in our national interest;

6 WHEREAS, the Trump administration has now adopted a policy that more easily allows resumption of nuclear  
7 testing;

8 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW calls on Wisconsin's congressional delegation to immediately introduce and  
9 work to enact legislation barring the use of federal funds for any weapons test that produces a nuclear yield.

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12 **RESOLUTIONS ON PARTY GOVERNANCE**

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14 **18-PG-01: SUPPORT THE UNITY REFORM COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS (95 WORDS)**

15 WHEREAS, the 2016 Democratic National Convention unanimously established the Unity Reform Commission (URC)  
16 of the Democratic National Committee;

17 WHEREAS, the URC has debated and negotiated a thorough list of reform recommendations relating to voting rights,  
18 superdelegates, financial transparency, and eliminating conflicts of interests;

19 WHEREAS, DNC Chairman Tom Perez has publicly stated he wants the URC recommendations passed in full; and,

20 WHEREAS, the DPW has previously resolved to support some of the recommended reforms;

21 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW endorses the URC report recommendations and encourages its DNC  
22 members to vote in favor of those recommendations.

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24 **18-PG-02: DATA COLLECTION (87 WORDS)**

25 WHEREAS, volunteers collect data from voters throughout the year;

26 WHEREAS, data is collected by making phone calls, knocking on doors, and many other means;

27 WHEREAS, after an election, not all Campaign Committees share the results of canvassing done by Party volunteers,  
28 or update the voter database when errors are found; and,

29 WHEREAS, when the next election cycle rolls around, volunteers again spend time cleaning up the lists;

30 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW will ensure that the state party provides the data to the county parties and help  
31 reform how data is shared to help grow the party.