

Democratic Party of Wisconsin CD 2019 Resolutions

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This packet contains resolutions adopted by the assembled membership of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin on June 2, 2019 at its annual convention in Milwaukee, WI and resolutions referred to the Platform and Resolutions Committee by the convention which were then approved by the Administrative Committee on August 11, 2019 in accordance with the party By-Laws. The DPW Platform and these resolutions, along with the resolutions passed in 2016, 2017, and 2018 represent the current adopted positions of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin. Some resolutions presented to the Convention were sent back to the Platform and Resolutions Committee which will meet to make determinations on those per the party rules. Those resolutions are not included here.

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1 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING JUSTICE, HUMAN CONCERNS, AND DEMOCRACY**

2 **19-JHD-01: PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TAX TRANSPARENCY (92 WORDS)**

3 WHEREAS, the states can and have set requirements for candidate ballot access;

4 WHEREAS, knowing a candidate's financial history provides voters the ability to assess the candidate's responsibility
5 and honesty, and the potential for conflicts of interest; and,

6 WHEREAS, not releasing tax returns may prevent proper review and enforcement of the emoluments clause;

7 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that Wisconsin should prohibit candidates from appearing on a presidential ballot if they do
8 not provide the state their last seven years of tax returns, with written consent for the state to release them to the
9 general public.

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11 **19-JHD-02: RESCIND WISCONSIN'S CALL FOR AN ARTICLE V CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION [STATUTE 13.176] (80**
12 **WORDS)**

13 WHEREAS, the Constitution of the United States has been amended 27 times to address specific concerns of
14 American citizens;

15 WHEREAS, current calls for an Article V Constitutional Convention by the various states deal with a multitude of
16 citizen concerns;

17 WHEREAS, an Article V process is fraught with uncertainties; and,

18 WHEREAS, the citizens of Wisconsin have not been consulted nor informed regarding this request;

19 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW believes that the legislature should rescind its call for a Constitutional
20 Convention.

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22 **19-JHD-03: SUPPORT BLACK GOTV (97 WORDS)**

23 WHEREAS, the outcome of the 2018 elections was critical to the future of our country; and,

24 WHEREAS, Black voters have been the backbone of the Democratic Party for decades; and to take back the US
25 House and Senate and the Wisconsin State Senate and Assembly, we must invest in the Black community and
26 organize in the Black community;

27 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW will accept the offer of the Black Caucus to advise leadership on needs,
28 concerns, and strategies including but not limited to identifying staff, consultants and vendors from within the
29 community to effectively mobilize voters.

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31 **19-JHD-04: RECOGNIZE BLACK HISTORY, LATINO HISTORY, AND WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTHS (99 WORDS)**

32 WHEREAS, Black History, Latino History, and Women's History Months are opportunities to honor the countless
33 Blacks, Latinos, and Women including Women of Color who have broken down barriers; and,

34 WHEREAS, we recognize that the journey toward racial and gender equity and equal access is far from complete; the
35 echoes of the history of oppression in the U.S. still reverberate throughout our society,

36 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, when we celebrate Black, Latino and Women's History Months, the DPW will reaffirm its
37 commitment to combating the relics of injustice that burden Blacks, Latinos, and Women, and will intentionally uplift
38 and empower these groups.

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40 **19-JHD-05: SUPPORT FOR THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY (58 WORDS)**

41 WHEREAS, as equal citizens, LGBTQ+ individuals are deserving of the same rights and access to services as other
42 communities;

43 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, Wisconsin should expand discrimination protections related to gender identity and sexual
44 orientation; and,

45 FURTHER RESOLVED, Wisconsin should increase access to LGBTQ+-specific services, including but not limited to
46 educational material, medical services, and LGBTQ+ sexual education in schools.

1 **19-JHD-06: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NONPARTISAN REDISTRICTING (97 WORDS)**
2 WHEREAS, more than 70 percent of Wisconsinites say they would support legislation that authorizes a nonpartisan
3 commission to redraw congressional district boundaries rather than the state Legislature; and,
4 WHEREAS, only 18% of citizens say the Legislature should continue to draw congressional district boundaries;
5 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW urges the Wisconsin Legislature to create a nonpartisan procedure for the
6 preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans; and,
7 FINALLY RESOLVED, that the DPW join with other political parties and interest groups to create a non-partisan
8 redistricting plan and Governor Evers veto any map that doesn't reflect that plan.
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10 **19-JHD-07: SUPPORT AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (AVR) (78 WORDS)**
11 WHEREAS, 1.2 million eligible Wisconsin residents are not registered to vote;
12 WHEREAS, Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) increases voter registration rates, increases voter turnout, and saves
13 taxpayer money by creating a more efficient voter registration system;
14 WHEREAS, AVR protects every eligible voter's right to vote with a secure and modern election system; and,
15 WHEREAS, AVR prevents wrongful purges of eligible voters by maintaining a more accurate and updated voter
16 registration list;
17 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that Wisconsin adopt Automatic Voter Registration.
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19 **19-JHD-08: AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (74 WORDS)**
20 WHEREAS, registration and voting is suppressed by picture ID and by proof of residence 29 days prior; and,
21 WHEREAS, poor access to clerks in rural areas creates more suppression;
22 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW support "point of contact" automatic voter registration;
23 FURTHER RESOLVED, any address change can be done online or by phone; and,
24 FINALLY RESOLVED, no "proof of a physical address" other than spoken or written is required for any voter
25 registration or voting.
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27 **19-JHD-09: MORE FLEXIBILITY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (85 WORDS)**
28 WHEREAS, many Wisconsin communities struggle under property tax limits imposed by Wisconsin Republicans;
29 WHEREAS, these limitations have led to decline of services, along with levying wheel taxes to fix local streets;
30 WHEREAS, seven smaller, tourism-based communities already have premier resort taxes totaling more than \$10
31 million in 2018;
32 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County and Dane County are the two largest attractors of tourism dollars in the state;
33 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW asks that all Wisconsin communities be given flexibility beyond property and
34 wheel taxes in raising revenues.
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36 **19-JHD-10: FEDERAL FUNDS FOR MEDICAID EXPANSION (85 WORDS)**
37 WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act provides for federal funding for state-level expansion of Medicaid;
38 WHEREAS, the Legislative Fiscal Bureau estimates refusal of this federal funding has cost Wisconsin \$1.1 billion
39 through the current fiscal year;
40 WHEREAS, acceptance of this funding would allow expansion of Medicaid coverage to approximately 80,000
41 Wisconsinites; and,
42 WHEREAS, acceptance of this funding would free up an estimated \$320 million over the next biennium;
43 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW advocate for the acceptance of federal funding for the expansion of Medicaid in
44 WI.

1 **19-JHD-11: RED FLAG LAWS (100 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, 100 Americans are killed by a gun every day in the US;
3 WHEREAS, more than ½ of all perpetrators of shootings exhibited warning signs that they were a risk to themselves
4 or others prior to the incident;
5 WHEREAS, Red Flag Laws save lives by creating a way for family members and law enforcement to act before
6 warning signs escalate into tragedies;
7 WHEREAS, Red Flag Laws have robust due process protections; and,
8 WHEREAS, thirteen states have enacted Red Flag Laws and 29 other states and DC are considering Red Flag
9 legislation;
10 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports instituting Red Flag Laws.

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12 **19-JHD-12: SUPPORT OF BACKGROUND CHECKS ON GUN SALES (91 WORDS)**

13 WHEREAS, in Wisconsin private sales of handguns are legal without a background check;
14 WHEREAS, universal background checks are favored by more than 90% of all Americans;
15 WHEREAS, in 2015 the Wisconsin legislature repealed a long-standing requirement that a gun dealer must wait 48
16 hours before transferring the handgun; and,
17 WHEREAS, a system could be developed to enable prospective buyers to complete a background check before
18 purchase;
19 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that Wisconsin require universal background checks on all gun sales in Wisconsin and
20 reinstitute a 48-hour waiting period for gun sales by dealers.

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22 **19-JHD-13: END GUN VIOLENCE AND HOLD ELECTED OFFICIALS ACCOUNTABLE (93 WORDS)**

23 WHEREAS, the gun lobby's allies have failed to protect the American people from gun violence; and,
24 WHEREAS, we believe that we should expand and strengthen background checks for all gun sales including online
25 and in-person sales; that high-capacity magazines and assault weapons have no place on our streets; that Congress
26 and the State Legislature should strengthen silencer laws and ban bump stocks; and that gun violence should be
27 researched and treated as a public health crisis;
28 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW will fight for policies that help prevent the carnage caused by gun violence.

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30 **19-JHD-14: IN SUPPORT OF GOOD BROADBAND COVERAGE FOR EVERYONE (92 WORDS)**

31 WHEREAS, Wisconsin ranks poorly in broadband internet coverage and speed relative to neighboring states and the
32 nation;
33 WHEREAS, broadband service is unavailable in many rural areas because the returns to private for-profit
34 telecommunications companies are too low to drive private investment;
35 WHEREAS, rural areas require broadband internet to offer children educational and cultural resources; and,
36 WHEREAS, it is impossible to attract and retain certain businesses without adequate internet connection;
37 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports establishing affordable, reliable, high-speed internet and wireless
38 access, aiming at 100 Mbps connection throughout Wisconsin within 5 years.

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40 **19-JHD-15: EXPANSION OF MATERNITY SERVICES (75 WORDS)**

41 WHEREAS, expansion of services for women, especially new and expecting mothers, has been shown to lead to
42 decreased rates of abortion, decreased rates of medical complications related to childbirth, and a decreased impact
43 of childbirth and child-care on historically underrepresented and impoverished communities;
44 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, Wisconsin should invest in greater access to birth control, contraceptives, sexual education,
45 reproductive services, family leave, state-funded child-care, etc., as well as any nonprofit that may already provide
46 such services.

1 **19-JHD-16: INFORMATION AS A RIGHT; INTERNET AS A UTILITY (100 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, the internet has evolved into a basic utility, through which countless individuals communicate, seek
3 information, receive education, pay taxes, order services, and do business, among other things; and,
4 WHEREAS, lack of internet access disproportionately impacts historically underrepresented and impoverished
5 communities;
6 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, information, and by extension the internet, should—like food, water, or shelter—be viewed
7 as a right, and therefore the internet should be treated as a utility through government regulation and subsidy;
8 FURTHER RESOLVED, access to internet should be expanded through efforts including but not limited to expanded
9 rural internet infrastructure and basic state-provided internet access devices.

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11 **19-JHD-17: DEMOCRATIC PARTY CANDIDATES SHOULD RUN ON ISSUES AFFECTING YOUTH (77 WORDS)**

12 WHEREAS, students across Wisconsin have been the face of many national protests including climate strikes, anti-
13 gun violence protests, and anti-sexual assault protests;
14 WHEREAS, high school students' voices have not been sufficiently heeded;
15 WHEREAS, high school students have mobilized new voters and have seen record numbers of young voter turnout;
16 and,
17 WHEREAS, high school students have created change;
18 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW shall, in their campaigns, recognize issues affecting youth and explore lowering
19 the voting age to 16.

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21 **19-JHD-18: INVESTIGATION OF POLICE-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS (90 WORDS)**

22 WHEREAS, the public must have confidence that investigations of police-involved shootings are investigated fairly
23 and that even the appearance of bias must be avoided;
24 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports legislation to ensure that:
25 a) District Attorneys do not rule on matters involving Police Officers from their own county,
26 b) Investigations are conducted by a Police Department from another county, and with a review by a panel
27 comprised of county residents chosen from the jury pool, and
28 c) Police and Sheriff Departments are prohibited from reciprocal arrangements to investigate each other.

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30 **19-JHD-19: DRIVER'S LICENSE REFORM (96 WORDS)**

31 WHEREAS, Wisconsin has a vested interest in driver safety, an efficient justice system, and fair treatment of
32 historically underrepresented and indigent communities; and,
33 WHEREAS, in states where the licensure of drivers does not require a social security number or proof of citizenship
34 status, there has been shown to be increased access to insurance, a decrease in costly court proceedings
35 prosecuting victimless "driving without a license" crimes, and decreased impact on historically underrepresented or
36 impoverished communities;
37 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, Wisconsin should create a special driver's license that does not require a social security
38 number or proof of citizenship.

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40 **19-JHD-20: DECRIMINALIZATION OF MARIJUANA POSSESSION (54 WORDS)**

41 WHEREAS, marijuana has a low instance of dependent usage;
42 WHEREAS, marijuana use has little to no risk of overdosing;
43 WHEREAS, arrests regarding marijuana disproportionately affect communities of color; and,
44 WHEREAS, incarceration for minor drug offences ruins lives and cost taxpayers unnecessarily;
45 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW advocate to decriminalize marijuana in the State of Wisconsin.

1 **19-JHD-21: EXPAND WISCONSIN'S BADGERCARE PLUS MEDICAID PROGRAM (88 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, exit polls showed health care was the top issue for voters in 2018;
3 WHEREAS, Wisconsin is in the minority of states in refusing to take the federal money offered in the Affordable Care
4 Act, 35 states did; and,
5 WHEREAS, Wisconsin missed out on \$1.1 billion since 2014, according to the non-partisan Legislative Fiscal Bureau;
6 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports expanding Wisconsin's BadgerCare Plus Medicaid program which could
7 potentially cover 850,000 by increasing eligibility to those earning up to 138 percent of the federal poverty line in
8 income.

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10 **19-JHD-22: IN SUPPORT OF MEDICARE FOR ALL (98 WORDS)**

11 WHEREAS, Wisconsin has more than 350,000 uninsured citizens and a vastly greater number of underinsured; and
12 WHEREAS, Wisconsin per capita health expenditure are higher than neighboring states while its health care results
13 are only middling;
14 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports moving toward a single-payer system, such as Medicare for All, which
15 would build on our existing diverse mix of providers – private, public, for-profit, nonprofit – and would realize cost
16 savings through bulk purchasing of prescription drugs, standardizing reimbursement rates for hospitals, doctors, and
17 other providers, and have the scale and administrative transparency to minimize wasteful marketing and
18 administrative costs.

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20 **19-JHD-23: MEDICARE FOR ALL (75 WORDS)**

21 WHEREAS, all peoples residing in the U.S. deserve quality and affordable healthcare regardless of occupation, zip
22 code, religion, income, age, gender, citizenship or sexuality;
23 WHEREAS, quality healthcare should be a public right, not a highly commoditized service, leaving many people
24 financially unstable when services are needed; and,
25 WHEREAS, we as a people value life and dignity for all;
26 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW advocates support for an agenda to implement a form of Medicare for All.

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28 **19-JHD-24: SUPPORT H.R. 1384, IMPROVED MEDICARE FOR ALL (81 WORDS)**

29 WHEREAS, the DPW, through its Platform and Resolutions, has for several years advocated the establishment of a
30 single payer Medicare for All national health insurance program;
31 WHEREAS, H.R. 1384 is proposed legislation to establish an improved Medicare for All national health insurance
32 program;
33 WHEREAS, H.R. 1384 has 106 congressional co-sponsors as of March 11, 2019; and,
34 WHEREAS, analysis and advocacy for H.R. 1384 can be found on www.healthcare-now.org;
35 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW urges all members of congress to support H.R. 1384.

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37 **19-JHD-25: REPEAL OF CORPORATE PERSONHOOD (95 WORDS)**

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

1 **19-JHD-26: ALL STOP AND SEARCH ACTIVITIES IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN MUST BE DOCUMENTED (100 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, many stops without probable cause are conducted by law enforcement without documentation, including
3 orders to cease an action which doesn't warrant detention, arrest, and/or citation for probable cause;
4 WHEREAS, such orders aren't usually documented, rather being categorized as "temporary detention";
5 WHEREAS, unwarranted "temporary detention" is detrimental to the subjects and a source of trauma to the
6 community;
7 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, all law enforcement action, including reasons for an investigatory stop, must be fully
8 documented at the time it takes place, with a duplicate copy given to the subject(s);
9 FURTHER RESOLVED, all such information must be entered into a public database.

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11 **19-JHD-27: CALLING FOR AN IMPEACHMENT INQUIRY BASED ON FINDINGS IN SPECIAL COUNSEL ROBERT MUELLER'S**
12 **"REPORT ON THE INVESTIGATION INTO RUSSIAN INTERFERENCE IN THE 2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION" (96 WORDS)**

13 WHEREAS, the "Mueller Report" presented evidence suggesting President Trump obstructed justice multiple times
14 during the Special Counsel's investigation;
15 WHEREAS, the ongoing obstruction by the President and his allies suggests possible conspiracy between the Russian
16 government and the Trump campaign;
17 WHEREAS, Robert Mueller reasserted at his press conference that he was unable to bring obstruction charges
18 against the President due to Justice Department policy;
19 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW calls upon the House of Representatives to begin an impeachment inquiry against
20 President Trump and those Constitutional officers who may also be implicated in criminal acts during the inquiry.

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22 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

23 **19-FA-01: NO WAR WITH IRAN AND VENEZUELA (98 WORDS)**

24 WHEREAS, war is always human failure;
25 WHEREAS, Congresswoman Gwen Moore recently signed a letter with 100 colleagues stating that pro-war members
26 in the Trump Administration are taking actions calculated to provoke Iran into an incident that could be used as a
27 justification for war;
28 WHEREAS, the DPW platform states "preemptive war without verified direct threat to our country, including the use
29 of drone strikes, is fraudulent, illegal, and disastrous";
30 WHEREAS, peaceful negotiations are the only moral means for eliminating nuclear weapons;
31 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports a foreign policy that seeks to avoid war with Iran and Venezuela.

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

34 **19-ELE-01: COST PARITY FOR PHYSICAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL HEALTH SERVICES (55 WORDS)**

35 WHEREAS, mental health services covered by insurance, including Medicare, can have greater co-pays and expenses
36 than physical health services; and,
37 WHEREAS, patients often cannot afford necessary mental health care;
38 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, Wisconsin State Statutes be amended to include stipulations that state "costs for services
39 for mental health care be at parity with physical health care."

1 **19-ELE-02: EXPANSION OF WORLD LANGUAGE SERVICES (81 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, a large number of Wisconsin residents do not speak English as their first language;
3 WHEREAS, there exists a dearth of world language services in the Judicial, Law Enforcement, Social Service, Medical,
4 and other communities; and,
5 WHEREAS, providing access to these services would improve the lives of historically underrepresented and
6 impoverished communities;
7 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, Wisconsin should invest in providing more world language services in its professional
8 communities, and schools especially those that work with a disproportionate amount of world language speakers.
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10 **19-ELE-03: REPEAL ACT 10 (78 WORDS)**

11 WHEREAS, Act 10 was a blatant attack on labor unions;
12 WHEREAS, this has been borne out by subsequent statutes passed by the Republican legislature such as repeal of
13 prevailing wage; and,
14 WHEREAS, this has been further borne out by so-called "right to work" legislation;
15 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports repeal of all aspects and consequences of Act 10, so that the Great
16 State of Wisconsin can return to its proud legacy of union organizing dating back to 1847.
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18 **19-ELE-04: REPEAL WISCONSIN 2013 ACT 115 (96 WORDS)**

19 WHEREAS, 2013 Act 115 requires a complainant of discrimination regarding race-based identities within a school
20 district to obtain a quota of signatures of at least 10% of the school district's membership before filing a
21 discrimination complaint;
22 WHEREAS, no other area of discrimination law requires a quota of signatures before filing a complaint;
23 WHEREAS, the elected leaders of all 11 Wisconsin tribes have multiple times UNANIMOUSLY voted to end school use
24 of race-based identities; and,
25 WHEREAS, 100% of empirical research proves that schools using race-based identities harm all students,
26 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that 2013 Act 115 be repealed.
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28 **19-ELE-05: SUPPORT PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING REFORM (87 WORDS)**

29 WHEREAS, the current public school funding is unfair and unevenly applied;
30 WHEREAS, the public school funding formula needs to be made fair and equitable for all Wisconsin students and
31 public schools;
32 WHEREAS, public school funding should be used exclusively for public schools;
33 WHEREAS, high-stakes testing, which wastes resources and detracts from good teaching and genuine learning,
34 should be ended;
35 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW supports real education reform including a fair public school funding formula,
36 an end to privatizing public schools, and an end to high-stakes testing.
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38 **19-ELE-06: EQUITABLE EDUCATION FUNDING (62 WORDS)**

39 WHEREAS, an educational funding system must provide equitable educational opportunities that prepare students for
40 their roles as citizens;
41 WHEREAS, educated citizens succeed economically and personally; and,
42 WHEREAS, our funding system must meet the needs of diverse student populations in diverse school districts
43 statewide;
44 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW endorses, promotes, and advocates for correcting the funding inequality that
45 currently exists in Wisconsin schools.
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1 **19-ELE-07: SUPPORT OF A \$15.00/HOUR MINIMUM WAGE (95 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, workers' wages have stagnated while accumulation of wealth by the wealthy has accelerated, especially
3 during the past 15 years;

4 WHEREAS, "market forces" have created this disparity, and do not ensure fair play or equality of opportunity,
5 something only the will of the people expressed through the government can do;

6 WHEREAS, higher wages will stimulate the economy through increased consumer spending, investment, and tax
7 revenue; and,

8 WHEREAS, a \$15/hour minimum wage provides a starting point for advancing a living wage standard;

9 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW supports a minimum wage of \$15.00/hour, indexed to inflation.

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11 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

12 **19-AGE-01: SUPPORT FOR THE GREEN NEW DEAL LEGISLATION (87 WORDS)**

13 WHEREAS, according to 2018 surveys by Yale and Virginia Universities, 69% of Americans are very worried about
14 climate change;

15 WHEREAS, the resolution presented in Congress on February 7, 2019, from Rep. Ocasio-Cortez and Sen. Markey
16 calls for a 10-year national mobilization that would set goals for sweeping changes to American society; and,

17 WHEREAS, we understand these lofty goals are a starting point for comprehensive societal change in this country;

18 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, we recommend that Democrats support this proposal to make our aspirations for future
19 policy decisions clear.

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21 **19-AGE-02: OFFICE OF SUSTAINABLE AND RENEWABLE ENERGY (100 WORDS)**

22 WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change has found that human activity is the dominant cause of
23 climate change, and that such climate change will have catastrophic effects on our planet, population, and future,
24 including critical environmental damage, waning economic output, increasingly dangerous weather patterns, and the
25 exacerbation of systemic injustices;

26 WHEREAS, Wisconsin needs social, industrial, and economic mobilization;

27 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, it's Wisconsin's duty to establish an Office of Sustainable and Renewable Energy; to
28 achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions through a fair and just transition for all communities and workers, while
29 simultaneously creating good, high-wage jobs and new, sustainable infrastructure.

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31 **19-AGE-03: SUPPORT SMALL FAMILY FARMS (84 WORDS)**

32 WHEREAS, Wisconsin lost 500 dairy farms in 2017 putting the total number of milk-cow herds down nearly 20%
33 from 2013;

34 WHEREAS, western Wisconsin led the nation in farm bankruptcies in 2017; and,

35 WHEREAS, tariffs imposed by the present administration have hurt farmers;

36 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW endorses and supports policies to keep small family farms viable in Wisconsin,
37 including, but not limited to, expanding Medicaid/BadgerCare to reduce costs, and promotion of farmer's markets,
38 and rural broadband to help farmers to market their own products.

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40 **19-AGE-04: THE WATERS OF WISCONSIN HAVE BEEN UNDER ATTACK (92 WORDS)**

41 WHEREAS, the waters of Wisconsin have been under attack;

42 WHEREAS, water quality is being eroded by cleaning frack sand CAFOs contaminating the groundwater, drawing
43 down of groundwater for nearly unlimited irrigation, selling of water to corporations such as Foxconn, and
44 destruction of wetlands for real estate interests;and,

45 WHEREAS, the past administration displayed utter disregard for the water resources of Wisconsin;

46 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports renewal of the protection of water which will be implemented by
47 Governor Evers' directive that science is to be used when decisions are made by the DNR.

1 **19-AGE-05: ACCESS TO FRESH WATER (81 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, Wisconsin is a state with vast quantities of fresh water;
3 WHEREAS, in the near future, fresh water will be more scarce and commodified resource;
4 WHEREAS, legal and monetary conflicts may arise surrounding water usage in this state; and,
5 WHEREAS, the population of the state is from varying economic circumstances;
6 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW should take steps to promote policies that preserve and conserve fresh water and
7 to protect the water rights and water usage for the people of the state.

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9 **19-AGE-06: CLEAN AIR AND WATER REGULATIONS (78 WORDS)**

10 WHEREAS, every Wisconsin resident has a right to clean water for both domestic purposes and for recreation;
11 WHEREAS, every Wisconsin resident has a right to breathe clean air free of damaging pollutants; and,
12 WHEREAS, utilities and other industries are seeking relaxation of clean air and water regulations;
13 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that environmental standards be reexamined by the WI DNR using the best scientific
14 information; and,
15 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the strongest air and water standards be enacted, maintained, and strengthened.

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17 **19-AGE-07: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND STEWARDSHIP (100 WORDS)**

18 WHEREAS, environmental issues have captured the attention of voters at all levels of politics;
19 WHEREAS, studies have shown that voters increasingly favor candidates endorsing pro-environmental policies;
20 WHEREAS, environmental protection plays a major role in all aspects of policy-making and is central to the health
21 and economic wellbeing of all persons;
22 WHEREAS, concern for the environment is a key qualification for all state and local elected officials and a strong
23 competitive advantage for Democrats;
24 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that all Democratic candidates and parties in Wisconsin should make environmental
25 protection and stewardship a central part of their platforms and messaging in every campaign.

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27 **19-AGE-08: ADVOCATING REFORESTATION (63 WORDS)**

28 WHEREAS, recent wildfires have devastated forests nationwide;
29 WHEREAS, CO2 is a strong greenhouse gas;
30 WHEREAS, the primary source of recently added atmospheric CO2 is fossil fuel use;
31 WHEREAS, forests provide us with fresh air, clean water, and remove CO2 from the air;
32 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that DPW advocates reforestation of the hundreds of thousands of acres of U.S. forests
33 damaged by devastating wildfires.

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35 **19-AGE-09: RETURN WISCONSIN DNR TO SCIENCE BASED DECISION MAKING (83 WORDS)**

36 WHEREAS, Governor Walker removed the majority of environmental scientists from the DNR; and,
37 WHEREAS, our current DNR is embedded with Walker "anti-science" appointees who ignore scientific facts and
38 routinely approve permits that degrade or destroy environmental resources;
39 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW recommend that Governor Evers appoint a task force to replace "anti-science"
40 appointees;
41 FURTHER RESOLVED, after these replacements are made, an independent commission of independent scientists is
42 created to review all sales and permits that the DNR has jurisdiction over in order to protect habitat, wildlife, and
43 drinking water.

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1 **19-AGE-10: ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION IN WISCONSIN (89 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, we need dedicated trails for non-polluting transportation alternatives;
3 WHEREAS, more people are recognizing modes of transportation that save energy and necessitate less road
4 maintenance, including bikes, scooters, electric bikes and scooters, trains, walking and running; and,
5 WHEREAS, many communities need to expand hours and routes, and affordable and free (for some) means of mass
6 and public transit;
7 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that Wisconsin provide additional and flexible funding to move away from fossil fuels with
8 new, designated safe transportation routes and alternative modes of transportation, with regional and statewide
9 approaches.

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11 **19-AGE-11: A NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL PLAN TO ADDRESS CLIMATE DETERIORATION (88 WORDS)**

12 WHEREAS, scientific evidence shows that a deteriorating climate imperils our nation;
13 WHEREAS, climate exacerbated disasters are already happening, including the burning of Paradise, California,
14 hurricanes Florence and Michael that devastated coastal towns, massive flooding in the Midwest, and droughts;
15 WHEREAS, the ocean is acidifying imperiling the ocean food chain on which millions depend for food and income;
16 and,
17 WHEREAS, climate scientists predict that future will be more extreme;
18 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports legislation to immediately create a national economic and industrial plan
19 to address the climate emergency.

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21 **19-AGE-12: WATER IS LIFE (78 WORDS)**

22 WHEREAS, water is life;
23 WHEREAS, human endeavors threaten water;
24 WHEREAS, a decline in water protection is a fact; and,
25 WHEREAS, time is an issue;
26 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, a policy to protect all water and the environment must be the focus of government;
27 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the state reinstate the 'Prove It First' law for every human endeavor that affects the
28 environment; and,
29 FINALLY RESOLVED, that all levels of government actively seek solutions that protect the environment and its
30 citizens.

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32 **19-AGE-13: RESOLUTION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS (98 WORDS)**

33 WHEREAS, Wisconsin citizens are due adequate protections for public health, welfare and the environment;
34 WHEREAS, Wisconsin government should ensure energy is generated by operations that are safe for public health,
35 welfare, environment;
36 WHEREAS, Wisconsin is jeopardized by the dynamics of climate change; and,
37 WHEREAS, Wisconsin should ensure energy is generated according to rational principles of natural and human
38 resource management;
39 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports candidates for public office who: 1) would introduce legislation that
40 precludes further reliance on nuclear generators, 2) would promote legislation restricting public generators to those
41 following rational principles of natural and human resources management.
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1 **19-AGE-14: ENDORSEMENT OF THE ENERGY INNOVATION AND CARBON DIVIDEND ACT (H.R. 763) (97 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, fossil fuels produce carbon emissions destabilizing the Earth’s climate;

3 WHEREAS, distinguished scientific panels recommend a timetable of carbon emissions reductions;

4 WHEREAS, a timetable of annual increases in a federal fee on carbon emissions will persuade businesses and
5 households to reduce carbon footprints in favor of clean-energy alternatives;

6 WHEREAS, the resulting revenue, distributed in equal monthly dividends, will protect low-income households and
7 reward low-carbon households; and,

8 WHEREAS, border adjustments in the carbon fee will persuade international trading partners to establish carbon fees
9 themselves;

10 THEREFORE RESOLVED, the DPW endorses H.R. 763 The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act.

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12 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING PARTY GOVERNANCE**

13 **19-PG-01: LIVING WAGE FOR INTERNS AND FELLOWS (64 WORDS)**

14 WHEREAS, internships and fellowships are typically unpaid positions;

15 WHEREAS, paid positions attract the best candidates;

16 WHEREAS, to be paid a living wage reduces poverty levels, reduces income inequality, decreases turnover, and
17 decreases gender and race-based inequality; and,

18 WHEREAS, the Democratic Party supports fair pay and labor practices;

19 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW should provide living wage compensation for all DPW hired positions, including
20 internships and fellowships.