

Democratic Party of Wisconsin CD 2019 Resolutions

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This packet contains the recommendations of the DPW Platform and Resolutions (DPW P&R) Committee which met and reviewed the resolutions submitted by the Congressional Districts (CDs). In a few cases similar resolutions were combined into a substitute crafted by the committee and all involved CDs were given credit. Some resolutions were edited in ways that may alter the intent, and the edit is described. Otherwise any edits made were to conform resolutions to a common format and correct spelling, grammar, and punctuation errors. The committee asks that some resolutions be separated for discussion, and sometimes also asks that some resolutions not be adopted (such a recommendation is listed as “No action”). All resolutions that the committee recommends be adopted carry the recommendation “Adopt”. In some cases where separation or no action are recommended the reason is given. “Party Governance” resolutions do not directly affect the Platform but regard the functioning of the DPW. Resolutions are considered active for four years after adoption and the 2019 adopted resolutions will be used to advise the DPW Platform drafts in 2020 and 2022.

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

2 **19-JHD-01: PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE TAX TRANSPARENCY (8TH CD, 92 WORDS); ADOPT**

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] (1ST
12 CD, 80 WORDS); ADOPT**

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 (4TH CD, 97 WORDS); ADOPT**

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 (4TH CD, 99 WORDS);
32 ADOPT**

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

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

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

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41 **19- JHD-05: SUPPORT FOR THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY (6TH CD, 58 WORDS); ADOPT**

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

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

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

1 **19-JHD-06: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NONPARTISAN REDISTRICTING (2ND, 3RD, AND 7TH CDS, 97 WORDS);**
2 **ADOPT**

3 WHEREAS, more than 70 percent of Wisconsinites say they would support legislation that authorizes a nonpartisan
4 commission to redraw congressional district boundaries rather than the state Legislature; and,
5 WHEREAS, only 18% of citizens say the Legislature should continue to draw congressional district boundaries;
6 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW urges the Wisconsin Legislature to create a nonpartisan procedure for the
7 preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans; and,
8 FINALLY RESOLVED, that the DPW join with other political parties and interest groups to create a non-partisan
9 redistricting plan and Governor Evers veto any map that doesn't reflect that plan.

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11 **19-JHD-07: SUPPORT AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (AVR) (3RD CD, 78 WORDS); ADOPT**

12 WHEREAS, 1.2 million eligible Wisconsin residents are not registered to vote;
13 WHEREAS, Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) increases voter registration rates, increases voter turnout, and saves
14 taxpayer money by creating a more efficient voter registration system;
15 WHEREAS, AVR protects every eligible voter's right to vote with a secure and modern election system; and,
16 WHEREAS, AVR prevents wrongful purges of eligible voters by maintaining a more accurate and updated voter
17 registration list;
18 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that Wisconsin adopt Automatic Voter Registration.

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20 **19-JHD-08: AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (7TH CD, 74 WORDS); ADOPT WITH AMENDMENT**

21 WHEREAS, registration and voting is suppressed by picture ID and by proof of residence 29 days prior; and,
22 WHEREAS, poor access to clerks in rural areas creates more suppression;
23 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW support "point of contact" automatic voter registration;
24 FURTHER RESOLVED, any address change can be done online or by phone and will be effective up to the day of
25 election; and,
26 FINALLY RESOLVED, no "proof of a physical address" other than spoken or written is required for any voter
27 registration or voting.

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29 **19-JHD-09: MORE FLEXIBILITY FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS (2ND CD, 85 WORDS); ADOPT**

30 WHEREAS, many Wisconsin communities struggle under property tax limits imposed by Wisconsin Republicans;
31 WHEREAS, these limitations have led to decline of services, along with levying wheel taxes to fix local streets;
32 WHEREAS, seven smaller, tourism-based communities already have premier resort taxes totaling more than \$10
33 million in 2018;
34 WHEREAS, Milwaukee County and Dane County are the two largest attractors of tourism dollars in the state;
35 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW asks that all Wisconsin communities be given flexibility beyond property and
36 wheel taxes in raising revenues.

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38 **19-JHD-10: FEDERAL FUNDS FOR MEDICAID EXPANSION (3RD CD, 85 WORDS); ADOPT**

39 WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act provides for federal funding for state-level expansion of Medicaid;
40 WHEREAS, the Legislative Fiscal Bureau estimates refusal of this federal funding has cost Wisconsin \$1.1 billion
41 through the current fiscal year;
42 WHEREAS, acceptance of this funding would allow expansion of Medicaid coverage to approximately 80,000
43 Wisconsinites; and,
44 WHEREAS, acceptance of this funding would free up an estimated \$320 million over the next biennium;
45 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW advocate for the acceptance of federal funding for the expansion of Medicaid in
46 WI.

1 **19-JHD-11: RED FLAG LAWS (3RD AND 7TH CDS, 100 WORDS); ADOPT**
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 (3RD CD, 91 WORDS); ADOPT**
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 (4TH CD, 93 WORDS); ADOPT**
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 (3RD CD, 92 WORDS); ADOPT**
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 (6TH CD, 76 WORDS); ADOPT**
41 WHEREAS, expansion of services for women, especially new and expecting mothers, and 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 (6TH CD, 100 WORDS); ADOPT**

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 (4TH CD, 77 WORDS);**
12 **ADOPT**

13 WHEREAS, students across Wisconsin have been the face of many national protests including climate strikes, anti-
14 gun violence protests, and anti-sexual assault protests;

15 WHEREAS, high school students' voices have not been sufficiently heeded;

16 WHEREAS, high school students have mobilized new voters and have seen record numbers of young voter turnout;
17 and,

18 WHEREAS, high school students have created change;

19 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW shall, in their campaigns, recognize issues affecting youth and explore lowering
20 the voting age to 16.

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22 **19-JHD-18: INVESTIGATION OF POLICE-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS (8TH CD, 90 WORDS); ADOPT WITH INSERTION**

23 WHEREAS, the public must have confidence that investigations of police-involved shootings are investigated fairly
24 and that even the appearance of bias must be avoided;

25 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports legislation to ensure that:

26 a) District Attorneys do not rule on matters involving Police Officers from their own county,

27 b) Investigations are conducted by a Police Department from another county, and with a review by a panel
28 comprised of county residents chosen from the jury pool, and

29 c) Police and Sheriff Departments are prohibited from reciprocal arrangements to investigate each other.

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31 **19-JHD-19: DRIVER'S LICENSE REFORM (6TH CD, 96 WORDS); ADOPT**

32 WHEREAS, Wisconsin has a vested interest in driver safety, an efficient justice system, and fair treatment of
33 historically underrepresented and indigent communities; and,

34 WHEREAS, in states where the licensure of drivers does not require a social security number or proof of citizenship
35 status, there has been shown to be increased access to insurance, a decrease in costly court proceedings
36 prosecuting victimless "driving without a license" crimes, and decreased impact on historically underrepresented or
37 impoverished communities;

38 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, Wisconsin should create a special driver's license that does not require a social security
39 number or proof of citizenship.

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41 **19-JHD-20: DECRIMINALIZATION OF MARIJUANA POSSESSION (7TH CD, 54 WORDS); ADOPT**

42 WHEREAS, marijuana has a low instance of dependent usage;

43 WHEREAS, marijuana use has little to no risk of overdosing;

44 WHEREAS, arrests regarding marijuana disproportionately affect communities of color; and,

45 WHEREAS, incarceration for minor drug offences ruins lives and cost taxpayers unnecessarily;

46 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW advocate to decriminalize marijuana in the State of Wisconsin.

1 **19-JHD-21: EXPAND WISCONSIN'S BADGERCARE PLUS MEDICAID PROGRAM (2ND CD, 88 WORDS); ADOPT**
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 (3RD CD, 98 WORDS); ADOPT**
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 (7TH CD, 75 WORDS); ADOPT**
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 (4TH CD, 81 WORDS); ADOPT**
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 (3RD AND 7TH CDS, 95 WORDS); ADOPT**
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.
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1 **19-JHD-26: ALL STOP AND SEARCH ACTIVITIES IN THE STATE OF WISCONSIN MUST BE DOCUMENTED (4TH CD, 100**
2 **WORDS); SEPARATE FOR DISCUSSION, THIS MAY HAVE UNINTENDED NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCES FOR IMMIGRANTS**

3 WHEREAS, many stops without probable cause are conducted by law enforcement without documentation, including
4 orders to cease an action which doesn't warrant detention, arrest, and/or citation for probable cause;

5 WHEREAS, such orders aren't usually documented, rather being categorized as "temporary detention";

6 WHEREAS, unwarranted "temporary detention" is detrimental to the subjects and a source of trauma to the
7 community;

8 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, all law enforcement action, including reasons for an investigatory stop, must be fully
9 documented at the time it takes place, with a duplicate copy given to the subject(s);

10 FURTHER RESOLVED, all such information must be entered into a public database.

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12 **19-JHD-27: ENACT A GENERAL DEFINITION OF THE WORD "PERSON" IN THE U.S.C. (INTERNAL REVENUE CODE) (5TH**
13 **CD, 93 WORDS); SEPARATE FOR DISCUSSION**

14 WHEREAS, Citizens United v. F.E.C. endorsed by dicta an exception to its ruling for the protection of shareholders;
15 and,

16 WHEREAS, Janus V. AFSCME held specifically that a union may be treated differently than individuals for purposes of
17 free speech;

18 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the U.S.C. be amended to include the following definition:

19 *Whenever no definition of person is given in a specific statute, the word "person" shall include natural persons,*
20 *corporations, partnerships, and other collections of individuals assigned rights by law but shall exclude for-profit*
21 *corporations and unions for purposes of political speech and electioneering.*

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23 **19-JHD-28: RECOGNIZE DONTRE DAY (4TH CD, 83 WORDS); NO ACTION**

24 WHEREAS, Dontre Hamilton was born on January 20, 1983;

25 WHEREAS, Dontre Hamilton was a loving father, brother and son;

26 WHEREAS, Dontre Hamilton was shot fourteen times by a Milwaukee Police officer, killing him in Red Arrow Park;

27 WHEREAS, Dontre Hamilton's killer was fired by MPD, but was not convicted of this criminal homicide; and,

28 WHEREAS, the Hamilton family seeks to raise awareness about Dontre and about family, love, peace and unity;

29 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW recognizes April 30th as Dontre Day.

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

32 **19-ELE-01: COST PARITY FOR PHYSICAL HEALTH AND MEDICAL HEALTH SERVICES (5TH CD, 55 WORDS); ADOPT**

33 WHEREAS, mental health services covered by insurance, including Medicare, can have greater co-pays and expenses
34 than physical health services; and,

35 WHEREAS, patients often cannot afford necessary mental health care;

36 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, Wisconsin State Statutes be amended to include stipulations that state "costs for services
37 for mental health care be at parity with physical health care."

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39 **19-ELE-02: EXPANSION OF WORLD LANGUAGE SERVICES (6TH CD, 81 WORDS); ADOPT**

40 WHEREAS, a large number of Wisconsin residents do not speak English as their first language;

41 WHEREAS, there exists a dearth of world language services in the Judicial, Law Enforcement, Social Service, Medical,
42 and other communities; and,

43 WHEREAS, providing access to these services would improve the lives of historically underrepresented and
44 impoverished communities;

45 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, Wisconsin should invest in providing more world language services in its professional
46 communities, and schools especially those that work with a disproportionate amount of world language speakers.

1 **19-ELE-03: REPEAL ACT 10 (2ND CD, 78 WORDS); ADOPT**
2 WHEREAS, Act 10 was a blatant attack on labor unions;
3 WHEREAS, this has been borne out by subsequent statutes passed by the Republican legislature such as repeal of
4 prevailing wage; and,
5 WHEREAS, this has been further borne out by so-called "right to work" legislation;
6 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports repeal of all aspects and consequences of Act 10, so that the Great
7 State of Wisconsin can return to its proud legacy of union organizing dating back to 1847.
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9 **19-ELE-04: REPEAL WISCONSIN 2013 ACT 115 (8TH CD, 96 WORDS); ADOPT**
10 WHEREAS, 2013 Act 115 requires a complainant of discrimination regarding race-based identities within a school
11 district to obtain a quota of signatures of at least 10% of the school district's membership before filing a
12 discrimination complaint;
13 WHEREAS, no other area of discrimination law requires a quota of signatures before filing a complaint;
14 WHEREAS, the elected leaders of all 11 Wisconsin tribes have multiple times UNANIMOUSLY voted to end school use
15 of race-based identities; and,
16 WHEREAS, 100% of empirical research proves that schools using race-based identities harm all students,
17 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that 2013 Act 115 be repealed.
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19 **19-ELE-05: SUPPORT PUBLIC EDUCATION FUNDING REFORM (3RD CD, 87 WORDS); ADOPT**
20 WHEREAS, the current public school funding is unfair and unevenly applied;
21 WHEREAS, the public school funding formula needs to be made fair and equitable for all Wisconsin students and
22 public schools;
23 WHEREAS, public school funding should be used exclusively for public schools;
24 WHEREAS, high-stakes testing, which wastes resources and detracts from good teaching and genuine learning,
25 should be ended;
26 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW supports real education reform including a fair public school funding formula,
27 an end to privatizing public schools, and an end to high-stakes testing.
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29 **19-ELE-06: EQUITABLE EDUCATION FUNDING (8TH CD, 62 WORDS); ADOPT**
30 WHEREAS, an educational funding system must provide equitable educational opportunities that prepare students for
31 their roles as citizens;
32 WHEREAS, educated citizens succeed economically and personally; and,
33 WHEREAS, our funding system must meet the needs of diverse student populations in diverse school districts
34 statewide;
35 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW endorses, promotes, and advocates for correcting the funding inequality that
36 currently exists in Wisconsin schools.
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38 **19-ELE-07: SUPPORT OF A \$15.00/HOUR MINIMUM WAGE (3RD CD, 95 WORDS); ADOPT**
39 WHEREAS, workers' wages have stagnated while accumulation of wealth by the wealthy has accelerated, especially
40 during the past 15 years;
41 WHEREAS, "market forces" have created this disparity, and do not ensure fair play or equality of opportunity,
42 something only the will of the people expressed through the government can do;
43 WHEREAS, higher wages will stimulate the economy through increased consumer spending, investment, and tax
44 revenue; and,
45 WHEREAS, a \$15/hour minimum wage provides a starting point for advancing a living wage standard;
46 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW supports a minimum wage of \$15.00/hour, indexed to inflation.

1 **19-ELE-08: ENACT CHANGES TO TITLES A AND B OF CHAPTER 26, OF THE U.S.C. (INTERNAL REVENUE CODE) (5TH**
2 **CD, 93 WORDS); SEPARATE FOR DISCUSSION**

3 WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Code is a corrupting influence in our country due to its complexity, incentive to hide
4 income, and the skewing of commercial activities; and,

5 WHEREAS, a graduated gross income tax on all forms of income including unearned income without deductions or
6 credits will substantially correct this corrupting influence,

7 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that Titles A and B of Chapter 26, U.S.C. be repealed and a new Title A of said Chapter 26
8 be enacted incorporating a graduated gross income tax on all forms of income including unearned income without
9 deductions or credits.

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11 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

12 **19-AGE-01: SUPPORT FOR THE GREEN NEW DEAL LEGISLATION (1ST CD, 87 WORDS); ADOPT**

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 (6TH CD, 100 WORDS); ADOPT**

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 (2ND CD, 92 WORDS); ADOPT**

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, greater price supports for milk to
38 increase income and promotion of farmer's markets, and rural broadband to help farmers to market their own
39 products.

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41 **19-AGE-04: THE WATERS OF WISCONSIN HAVE BEEN UNDER ATTACK (2ND CD, 92 WORDS); ADOPT**

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

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

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

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

1 **19-AGE-05: ACCESS TO FRESH WATER (7TH CD, 81 WORDS); ADOPT**
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: WATER IS LIFE (8TH CD, 76 WORDS); ADOPT**
10 WHEREAS, water is life;
11 WHEREAS, human endeavors threaten water;
12 WHEREAS, a decline in water protection is a fact; and,
13 WHEREAS, time is an issue;
14 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, a policy to protect all water and the environment must be the focus;
15 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the state reinstate the 'Prove It First' law for every human endeavor that affects the
16 environment; and,
17 FINALLY RESOLVED, that all levels of government actively seek solutions that protect the environment and its
18 citizens.

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20 **19-AGE-07: CLEAN AIR AND WATER REGULATIONS (1ST CD, 78 WORDS); ADOPT**
21 WHEREAS, every Wisconsin resident has a right to clean water for both domestic purposes and for recreation;
22 WHEREAS, every Wisconsin resident has a right to breathe clean air free of damaging pollutants; and,
23 WHEREAS, utilities and other industries are seeking relaxation of clean air and water regulations;
24 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that environmental standards be reexamined by the WI DNR using the best scientific
25 information; and,
26 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the strongest air and water standards be enacted, maintained, and strengthened.

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28 **19-AGE-08: ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND STEWARDSHIP (2ND, 4TH, 6TH, 7TH, AND 8TH CDS, 100 WORDS); ADOPT**
29 WHEREAS, environmental issues have captured the attention of voters at all levels of politics;
30 WHEREAS, studies have shown that voters increasingly favor candidates endorsing pro-environmental policies;
31 WHEREAS, environmental protection plays a major role in all aspects of policy-making and is central to the health
32 and economic wellbeing of all persons;
33 WHEREAS, concern for the environment is a key qualification for all state and local elected officials and a strong
34 competitive advantage for Democrats;
35 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that all Democratic candidates and parties in Wisconsin should make environmental
36 protection and stewardship a central part of their platforms and messaging in every campaign.

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38 **19-AGE-09: ADVOCATING REFORESTATION (6TH CD, 63 WORDS); ADOPT**
39 WHEREAS, recent wildfires have devastated forests nationwide;
40 WHEREAS, CO2 is a strong greenhouse gas;
41 WHEREAS, the primary source of recently added atmospheric CO2 is fossil fuel use;
42 WHEREAS, forests provide us with fresh air, clean water, and remove CO2 from the air;
43 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that DPW advocates reforestation of the hundreds of thousands of acres of U.S. forests
44 damaged by devastating wildfires.

1 **19-AGE-10: RESOLUTION FOR PUBLIC HEALTH, WELFARE, AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTIONS (8TH CD, 98 WORDS);**
2 **ADOPT**

3 WHEREAS, Wisconsin citizens are due adequate protections for public health, welfare and the environment;
4 WHEREAS, Wisconsin government should ensure energy is generated by operations that are safe for public health,
5 welfare, environment;
6 WHEREAS, Wisconsin is jeopardized by the dynamics of climate change; and,
7 WHEREAS, Wisconsin should ensure energy is generated according to rational principles of natural and human
8 resource management;
9 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports candidates for public office who: 1) would introduce legislation that
10 precludes further reliance on nuclear generators, 2) would promote legislation restricting public generators to those
11 following rational principles of natural and human resources management.

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13 **19-AGE-11: ENDORSEMENT OF THE ENERGY INNOVATION AND CARBON DIVIDEND ACT (H.R. 763) (2ND, 7TH, AND 8TH**
14 **CDs, 97 WORDS); ADOPT**

15 WHEREAS, fossil fuels produce carbon emissions destabilizing the Earth's climate;
16 WHEREAS, distinguished scientific panels recommend a timetable of carbon emissions reductions;
17 WHEREAS, a timetable of annual increases in a federal fee on carbon emissions will persuade businesses and
18 households to reduce carbon footprints in favor of clean-energy alternatives;
19 WHEREAS, the resulting revenue, distributed in equal monthly dividends, will protect low-income households and
20 reward low-carbon households; and,
21 WHEREAS, border adjustments in the carbon fee will persuade international trading partners to establish carbon fees
22 themselves;
23 THEREFORE RESOLVED, the DPW endorses H.R. 763 The Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act.

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25 **19-AGE-12: RETURN WISCONSIN DNR TO SCIENCE BASED DECISION MAKING (4TH CD, 83 WORDS); ADOPT WITH**
26 **UNDERLINED INSERTION**

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

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36 **19-AGE-13: ALTERNATIVE TRANSPORTATION IN WISCONSIN (6TH CD, 89 WORDS); ADOPT**

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

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1 **19-AGE-14: A NATIONAL ECONOMIC AND INDUSTRIAL PLAN TO ADDRESS CLIMATE DETERIORATION (7TH CD, 88**
2 **WORDS); ADOPT**

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

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12 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING PARTY GOVERNANCE**

13 **19-PG-01: MEMBERSHIP (8TH CD, 100 WORDS); SEPARATE FOR DISCUSSION**

14 WHEREAS, the DPW relies on membership to provide a base of organization for election campaigns;
15 WHEREAS, that membership recruitment rates vary greatly between counties;
16 WHEREAS, the DPW has taken insufficient interest in supporting recruitment by County Parties.
17 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the Convention adopts a target for Membership of at least 1% of the Democratic
18 Gubernatorial vote in each County;
19 FURTHER RESOLVED, each meeting of the Administrative Committee shall receive a report on membership numbers
20 by County and the efforts being made to increase membership;
21 FINALLY RESOLVED, the Administrative Committee shall report to Convention annually on efforts being made to
22 increase membership.

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24 **19-PG-02: RESOLUTIONS TO CONVENTION (8TH CD, 99 WORDS); SEPARATE FOR DISCUSSION, CALLS FOR MAJOR**
25 **CHANGES TO RESOLUTIONS PROCESS**

26 WHEREAS, all members of the DPW do not have equitable access to the policy-making process, that small counties
27 may never be able to submit a resolution of particular concern to Convention, and members of large counties have
28 less opportunity to submit a resolution, and Caucuses are unrepresented in the policy making process.
29 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the Administrative Committee is instructed to bring forward amendments to the
30 Constitution to ensure that:
31 Each county can submit one resolution to State Convention for each 100 members or part thereof.
32 Each CD Convention may submit two resolutions.
33 Each Caucus may submit one resolution.

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35 **19-PG-03: LIVING WAGE FOR INTERNS AND FELLOWS (1ST AND 2ND CDS, 64 WORDS); NO ACTION**

36 WHEREAS, internships and fellowships are typically unpaid positions;
37 WHEREAS, paid positions attract the best candidates;
38 WHEREAS, to be paid a living wage reduces poverty levels, reduces income inequality, decreases turnover, and
39 decreases gender and race-based inequality; and,
40 WHEREAS, the Democratic Party supports fair pay and labor practices;
41 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW should provide living wage compensation for all DPW hired positions, including
42 internships and fellowships.

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1 **19-PG-04: PARTY ENDORSEMENTS OF CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC, ELECTED OFFICE (5TH CD, 78 WORDS); NO ACTION,**
2 **ARTICLE VIII OF THE DPW CONSTITUTION GOVERNS ENDORSEMENTS**

3 WHEREAS, candidates seeking public, elected office are representatives of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin, its
4 subunits and its members;

5 WHEREAS, the reputation of DPW, its subunits, and its members is impacted by the behavior of its public elected
6 officials; and,

7 WHEREAS, outside organizations are increasingly influencing elections by publicly endorsing candidates seeking
8 public, elected office;

9 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW, its subunits, and its members be allowed to unilaterally endorse, without
10 Administrative Committee approval, candidates seeking public, elected office.

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12 **19-PG-05: TURN PLATFORM AND RESOLUTIONS INTO POLICIES (5TH CD, 95 WORDS); NO ACTION**

13 WHEREAS, our party works to create Platform and Resolutions that reflect our values of social and economic justice,
14 ecological sustainability and peace;

15 WHEREAS, candidates seeking support from DPW often promote the Platform and Resolutions, but sometimes don't
16 on very significant issues, e.g., universal and affordable health insurance, defense spending, fair trade, etc; and,

17 WHEREAS, the resources of our party are limited;

18 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW focus its resources on candidates who advocate for our Platform and Resolutions;
19 and,

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, DPW shall semi-annually inform the membership of candidates' positions in regard to our
21 Platform and Resolutions.