

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE DFL51 2014 CONVENTION

EAGAN AND BURNSVILLE

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

PUBLIC SAFETY AND CRIME PREVENTION

1. The DFL Party supports requiring background checks before purchasing any firearms at a gun show and on the Internet.

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD

2. The DFL Party supports legislation requiring that foods containing genetically engineered ingredients be labeled as such, similar to the way foods are labeled in Europe.

HEALTH CARE

3. The DFL Party supports the State of Minnesota passing legislation in 2015 and 2016, directing the Department of Health and Human Services to apply for a State Innovation Waiver in January 2017 in order to create a state-based universal single payer health care plan.

TRANSPORTATION

4. It is essential for the Minnesota Legislature to pass a comprehensive transportation funding package in 2014 that will generate new economic development opportunities throughout the state, help Minnesota retain and attract a talented workforce, create immediate jobs, and keep Minnesota economically competitive.

CIVIL, HUMAN AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

5. We call on the members of the Minnesota House of Representatives to join the members of the Minnesota Senate and pass the "We the People Act" in 2014. The Act calls for a 28th U.S. Constitutional Amendment to unequivocally state that (1) artificial entities have the privileges afforded them by law and not constitutional rights which have been bestowed on them by U. S. Supreme Court Justices; and that (2) money spent on our elections is not free speech and can be regulated by laws.

EDUCATION

6. The DFL supports efforts to ensure the safety of all Minnesota students and to promote healthy, respectful learning environments in Minnesota schools that are free of harassment and violence, including but not limited to, actual or perceived race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, marital status, disability, socioeconomic status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, age and physical characteristics, and association with a person or group who have one or more of these actual or perceived characteristics

7. The DFL Party supports safe schools legislation that would begin to protect bullied students across the state.

LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

8. The Minnesota DFL supports Senator Al Franken's mission to increase the federal minimum wage and ensure that it keeps pace with future inflation.

CIVIL, HUMAN AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

9. The DFL supports efforts to amend the United States Constitution to reverse the severely damaging effects of Citizens United.

EDUCATION

10. The Democratic Farmer Labor Party supports a return to the traditional legislative intent that the state fund two-thirds (67%) of the cost of public higher education with students paying the remaining one-third (33%) through tuition.

RETIREMENT SECURITY

11. The DFL supports that Congress eliminate the wage cap on Social Security Payroll taxes, and use the Consumer Price Index for the Elderly (CPI-E) to calculate the Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA) for Social Security recipients

CIVIL, HUMAN AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS

12. Any convicted prisoner released from confinement in a Minnesota prison back into the community have their voting rights restored immediately.

ENERGY

13. Minnesota's leaders move Minnesota beyond coal to clean energy by:

- Securing at least 50% of Minnesota's electricity from renewable by 2030 for all communities and scale up energy savings programs that work;
- Recruiting more clean energy businesses and jobs to Minnesota;
- Achieving Minnesota's statewide goal of 10% solar by 2030 and installing solar on public property, like schools, libraries and hospitals;
- Establishing a 20% by 2020 energy savings goal for Minnesota's leading industries to keep them competitive in the global economy;
- Increasing investment in weatherization and energy efficiency to reduce energy consumption and Minnesotan's energy bills; and
- Planning for the transition of all Minnesota's dirty coal-fired power plants to cleaner energy by 2030.

EDUCATION

14. DFL Party supports initiatives that ensure Minnesota continues to have a highly effective, professional teaching corps, including improving and funding the state's teacher development and evaluation law and reducing the burden of standardized testing and onerous paperwork so that educators can focus on the classroom

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT

15. For the sake of our children and grandchildren and to preserve a safe climate for all the peoples of the earth, the DFL Party will press for policies that will reduce greenhouse gas emissions and that will support rapid increase in renewable energy.

TRANSPORTATION

16. The Minnesota Legislature increase investment for research and promotion of environmentally-friendly, fossil-fuel-free transportation.