

# Democratic Party of Wisconsin 2014 Resolutions

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This packet contains the resolutions adopted by the assembled membership of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin on June 7, 2014 at its annual convention in Wisconsin Dells, WI. The DPW Platform and these resolutions, along with the resolutions passed in 2011, 2012, and 2013, represent the current adopted positions of the Democratic Party of Wisconsin.

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

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3 **14-ELE-01: AMEND FAIR MINIMUM WAGE ACT (FMWA) TO REQUIRE A LIVING WAGE (100 WORDS)**

4 WHEREAS, Wisconsin's minimum wage since 2009 has been \$7.25/hour;

5 WHEREAS, 10% of Wisconsin minimum wage workers have college degrees, 57% are women, 19% are workers with  
6 children, and over ½ million Wisconsin workers will benefit from the wage increase called for in the Fair Minimum Wage  
7 Act;

8 WHEREAS, our Platform supports a living wage for all workers, which is estimated at \$19/hr for a single parent with one  
9 child;

10 WHEREAS, increasing the minimum wage has won broad public support via referenda and has support of over 600  
11 economists;

12 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW support amending FMWA to require a living wage.  
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14 **14-ELE-02: SUPPORT LIVING WAGE ORDINANCES (98 WORDS)**

15 WHEREAS, President Obama calls income inequality the "defining issue of our time";

16 WHEREAS, local living wage ordinances are proven, practical and effective in raising wages, with roughly 140  
17 communities across the country establishing living wage ordinances, according to the American Legislative Issue  
18 Campaign Exchange and the Center for American Progress; and,

19 WHEREAS, living wage ordinances require companies which benefit from the use of public resources to pay workers a  
20 living wage;

21 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW support and encourage local units of government to adopt a living wage  
22 ordinance and stand against any state legislation pre-empting these ordinances.  
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24 **14-ELE-03: SUPPORT AN UNCONDITIONAL BASIC INCOME (84 WORDS)**

25 WHEREAS, a system of basic income unconditionally grants to all citizens a minimum baseline income;

26 WHEREAS, a basic income creates a strong social safety net that supports all citizens;

27 WHEREAS, a basic income can simplify the delivery of other social programs; and,

28 WHEREAS, a basic income has been supported by prominent economists such as Paul Samuelson and John Kenneth  
29 Galbraith on the left and Friedrich Hayek and Milton Friedman on the right;

30 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW support a basic income in its platform.  
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32 **14-ELE-04: FUNDING PUBLIC TRANSIT (95 WORDS)**

33 WHEREAS, the essential public connections between workers and jobs rely on state and federal support just like highways  
34 and all other forms of transportation services;

35 WHEREAS, 48% of all transit trips in Wisconsin are work-related and another 11% are for medical appointments; and,

36 WHEREAS, Racine's bus service, for example, has been cut 5.8% in 2012 and 3.9% in 2013;

37 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW urge and request the state legislature agree with the Wisconsin Commission on  
38 Transportation Finance and Policy and restore the 10% cut in state and federal funding to transit made in 2011.  
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1 **14-ELE-05: OPPOSE TRANS PACIFIC PARTNERSHIP TRADE ACT; SUPPORT LEVEL THE GLOBAL PLAYING FIELD TRADE ACT**  
2 **(100 WORDS)**

3 WHEREAS, our party stands for global trade, investment and regulatory policies that protect workers, consumers, the  
4 environment and the democratic process;

5 WHEREAS, Dane County and Madison passed resolutions opposing the TPP, and it has been described as NAFTA on  
6 steroids; and,

7 WHEREAS, the Level the Playing Field Global Trade Act, S. 1801, by Senator Baldwin "would, for the first time, recognize  
8 that egregious environmental and labor practices are a form of illegal subsidy that can be remedied by U.S. duties.";

9 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW oppose Fast Track and the TPP and supports S. 1801 and requests the DNC do  
10 likewise.

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12 **14-ELE-06: SUPPORT THE FAIR FUNDING FOR OUR FUTURE PLAN: 2/3 STATE FUNDING FOR 4K-12 (95 WORDS)**

13 WHEREAS, the DPW believes that the state budget should prioritize the needs of public education and restore the state's  
14 commitment to funding 2/3 of the cost of 4K-12 public education; and,

15 WHEREAS, the Fair Funding for our Future plan set forth by the Department of Public Instruction is an educational repair  
16 bill that creates stability in funding of public education at a base level, restores 2/3 state funding, embraces transparency  
17 and holds the line on property taxes;

18 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW support the Fair Funding for Our Future plan of the Department of Public Instruction.

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20 **14-ELE-07: RESTORE \$800 MILLION TO EDUCATION STATE AID BUDGET (81 WORDS)**

21 WHEREAS, the 2011-13 State Budget reduced State Aid for Education by \$800 million;

22 WHEREAS, the Governor announced in January 2014, a budget surplus of \$900 million;

23 WHEREAS, Wisconsin's education system has suffered undeniable harm due to cuts to State Aid; and,

24 WHEREAS, the future of the State and Country depend on a well-educated workforce;

25 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW support the return of the \$800 million in School Aid; and,

26 FURTHER RESOLVED, the DPW support candidates that support education funding in Wisconsin.

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28 **14-ELE-08: REDUCE MAXIMUM INTEREST RATE ALLOWED ON CREDIT CARDS TO 14.9% (74 WORDS)**

29 WHEREAS, interest rates on credit cards can be as high as 24.9%, which by historical and ethical standards is considered  
30 usury; and,

31 WHEREAS, lowering the maximum rate to 14.9% would increase the money available for spending on goods and services  
32 and reduce income inequality, thus stimulating the economy and creating jobs;

33 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW support amending Dodd-Frank regulations and state regulations to lower the  
34 maximum interest rate on credit cards to 14.9%.

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36 **14-ELE-09: REQUIRE A ZERO INTEREST RATE ON CREDIT CARD PURCHASES MADE AFTER THE FIRST BILLING CYCLE WHERE**  
37 **THE BALANCE IS PAID IN FULL (100 WORDS)**

38 WHEREAS, credit card billing practices can charge interest on purchases made after a billing cycle where the balance is  
39 paid in full, in effect requiring two consecutive months balances to be paid in full before interest charges on purchases  
40 end;

41 WHEREAS, this practice has the effect of forcing customers to pay interest on purchases made after they are willing and  
42 able to pay off their entire balance;

43 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW support regulations that would prevent interest being charged on purchases made  
44 after a billing cycle where the balance is paid in full and continues to be paid in full.

1 **14-ELE-10: INCREASE THE WISCONSIN HOMESTEAD CREDIT (62 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, the recent reduction in the Homestead Property Tax Exemption to only \$24,680 has made it more difficult for  
3 lower income people to remain in their homes, increasing the need for public housing assistance using tax payer money;  
4 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW support raising the "Homestead Credit" to \$60,000 by restoring the tax schedule  
5 that was in place prior to 2010.

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7 **14-ELE-11: INVESTING WISCONSIN MONEY IN WISCONSIN (99 WORDS)**

8 WHEREAS, college students, farmers, small businesses, and local governments find it difficult to obtain and afford credit;  
9 concentrated wealth threatens democratic institutions and contributes to the environmental crises; billions of dollars  
10 annually are exported to pay energy costs; and,

11 WHEREAS, Wisconsin should manage our financial resources for the common good;

12 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, our elected representatives prioritize investing Wisconsin money in Wisconsin by exploring  
13 public banking and encouraging investment through community banks and credit unions in business, agriculture,  
14 renewable energy, education, infrastructure, and student loans. Any public banking surplus will be returned to state and  
15 local governments to reduce taxes.

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17 **14-ELE-12: RETAIN AND RESTORE THE OFFICES OF STATE TREASURER AND SECRETARY OF STATE (81 WORDS)**

18 WHEREAS, the offices of Treasurer and Secretary of State have been stripped of their traditional responsibilities which  
19 have been transferred to the control of the governor, without saving money; and,

20 WHEREAS, these business related responsibilities are performed by elected officials in other states and restoring them  
21 would make Wisconsin more business friendly;

22 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW encourage the Wisconsin Legislature to reject efforts to eliminate those offices,  
23 and request the legislature and governor to restore these functions to those offices.

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25 **14-ELE-13: SOLVING THE STUDENT LOAN DEBT CRISIS (100 WORDS)**

26 WHEREAS, student loan debt is a \$1.2 trillion national crisis which research shows threatens Wisconsin's economy and  
27 affects more than 750,000 Wisconsin borrowers;

28 WHEREAS, Rep. Mason and State Sen. Hansen introduced legislation, the "Higher Ed, Lower Debt" Act, proposing tax  
29 breaks for borrowers and refinancing of student loans;

30 WHEREAS, Mary Burke included these components of the bill in her jobs plan;

31 WHEREAS, Sen. Baldwin, Reps. Pocan, Kind, and Moore are leading the federal fight on behalf of borrowers;

32 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW endorse the "Higher Ed, Lower Debt" Act and efforts to solve the student loan crisis in  
33 the U.S.

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35 **14-ELE-14: ESTABLISH A COMMISSION TO ACHIEVE AND MAINTAIN FULL EMPLOYMENT AS WI INDUSTRIES TRANSITION  
36 FROM DEPENDENCE ON MILITARY SPENDING (100 WORDS)**

37 WHEREAS, Pentagon spending has decreased and will decrease further in the future;

38 WHEREAS, Oshkosh Truck, Wisconsin's largest defense contractor, laid off 1,200 workers this past year and such layoffs  
39 will continue with the other defense contractors and suppliers;

40 WHEREAS, with appropriate planning, employees in the military sector can be transitioned to sustainable alternative  
41 employment;

42 WHEREAS, there is no state planning body tasked with helping Wisconsin adapt to the economic changes resulting from  
43 reductions in military spending;

44 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW support state legislation to create a Commission on Wisconsin's Future tasked with  
45 charting a sustainable full employment future for Wisconsin.

1 **14-ELE-15: SET SOCIAL SECURITY FLOOR AT \$15,000 (87 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, a significant portion of retired citizens receive less than \$15,000 annually from Social Security;  
3 WHEREAS, this low Social Security income may allow these citizens to receive additional federal assistance in various  
4 other federal programs, such as food stamps, and if the minimum Social Security income was \$15,000, the federal money  
5 in these programs could be freed up for other individuals or purposes; and,  
6 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW support efforts in Congress to set the minimum annual Social Security payment at  
7 \$15,000 and be indexed to inflation.

9 **14-ELE-16: CREATE MORE JOBS BY SHARING THE WORK (100 WORDS)**

10 WHEREAS, the number of jobs can be increased by work sharing strategies; and,  
11 WHEREAS, these strategies include promoting a 35 hour work week with benefits, reducing the workload of salaried  
12 workers by giving them a voice through collective bargaining, restoring full retirement to age 65, providing part time  
13 workers access to affordable health insurance, support President Obama’s initiative to revise overtime regulations to  
14 prevent management abuse of unpaid overtime, and allowing workers to refuse forced overtime, except when public  
15 safety is jeopardized;  
16 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW support strategies to share the available work to create more jobs and reduce  
17 unemployment.

19 **14-ELE-17: PROMOTE THE BETTER OFF BUDGET OF THE CONGRESSIONAL PROGRESSIVE CAUCUS (92 WORDS)**

20 WHEREAS, The Congressional Progressive Caucus, whose members include Gwen Moore and Mark Pocan, introduced the  
21 Better Off Budget that is most consistent with the platform of DPW; and,  
22 WHEREAS, This budget outlines steps to: move to a full employment economy, reduce our use of fossil fuels, implement  
23 comprehensive immigration reform, end war funding, allow movement to single payer health care, provide campaign  
24 finance reform, make taxes more progressive and reverse the cuts to our economic safety net;  
25 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW endorse and promote the Better Off Budget of the CPC.

27 **14-ELE-18: STOP WORKER MISCLASSIFICATION (96 WORDS)**

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

38 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

40 **14-AGE-01: PUT A PRICE ON CARBON POLLUTION (66 WORDS)**

41 WHEREAS, human activity through the burning of carbon-based fuels has been the chief cause of global climate change;  
42 and,  
43 WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency has defined carbon dioxide as a pollutant in need of regulation;  
44 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW support Congress putting a price on carbon emissions that reflects their true cost  
45 to society and the environment through applying a graduated fee to these emissions.

1 **14-AGE-02: WIND ENERGY (98 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, Wisconsin has an unemployment rate above pre-recession levels;

3 WHEREAS, Wisconsin has an experienced workforce and manufacturing companies that know how to build and install  
4 wind turbines;

5 WHEREAS, Wisconsin has an abundance of wind resources along the Great Lakes;

6 WHEREAS, Wisconsin exports \$12 billion to purchase fossil fuels; burning fossil fuels produces CO<sub>2</sub>; and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions  
7 are a leading cause of climate change; and,

8 WHEREAS, climate change poses a threat to future generations and the stability of our civilization;

9 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW support enacting legislation and following policies that promote clean, renewable  
10 energy sources, including wind.

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12 **14-AGE-03: SAND MINES AND LOCAL CONTROL (98 WORDS)**

13 WHEREAS, frac sand mines take up farmland, create a dusty, noisy environment from blasting, damage county roads with  
14 overweight trucks, and degrade water supplies; and,

15 WHEREAS, sand mining is not subject to local government oversight regarding road weight limits, the cost of road  
16 damage, blasting, the establishment of buffer zones to protect the public, and the restoration of farmland when mines  
17 close;

18 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW support local control to establish buffer zones, assure farmland restoration,  
19 impose roadway weight limits and ensure reimbursement of road repair costs, safeguard public health and safety, and  
20 preserve drinking water quality.

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22 **14-AGE-04: HIGH CAPACITY WELLS (94 WORDS)**

23 WHEREAS, since 2011, Wisconsin has seen a 40% increase in high capacity well applications, primarily due to increased  
24 agricultural irrigation;

25 WHEREAS, the Central Sands region of Wisconsin is particularly susceptible to the impacts of this increased pumping,  
26 since its rivers, streams and lakes are nearly 100% fed by groundwater; and,

27 WHEREAS, 1/3 of the groundwater drawn annually comes from the Central Sands region, which comprises just 5% of the  
28 state's area;

29 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW oppose any legislation to limit the review process of the Department of Natural  
30 Resources for high capacity wells.

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32 **14-AGE-05: FEDERALLY FUND CHICAGO CANAL RECONSTRUCTION TO STOP ASIAN CARP (100 WORDS)**

33 WHEREAS, Asian Carp are escaping the electric fish barriers on the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Canal;

34 WHEREAS, unless major improvements are made, the non-native fish will enter the Lake Michigan and potentially destroy  
35 the lake's fishery;

36 WHEREAS, the destruction of the fishery would cost hundreds of \$millions in lost business and jobs; and,

37 WHEREAS, the canal involves interstate commerce by its connection of the Lake Michigan and Mississippi River  
38 watersheds, thus making it a federal responsibility for reconstruction;

39 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW request federal funding for the reconstruction of the canal to prevent the destruction  
40 of the Lake Michigan fishery.

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1 **14-AGE-06: AIR EMISSION RECYCLING (92 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, Wisconsin's power plants emit 32.8 million tons of CO<sub>2</sub> per year;  
3 WHEREAS, the EPA will require capture and storage of CO<sub>2</sub> according to Best Systems for Emission Reduction, including  
4 geological sequestration by injection and Air Emission Recycling (AER), wherein CO<sub>2</sub> waste is converted into compost and  
5 cellulose products; and,  
6 WHEREAS, there are no geological sequestration sites in Wisconsin;  
7 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW support the creation of a regulatory framework in Wisconsin for Air Emission  
8 Recycling, in order to capture and process CO<sub>2</sub> to meet counties' energy and economic development needs.

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10 **14-AGE-07: REVIEW OF SAND MINE IMPACT (94 WORDS)**

11 WHEREAS, industrial-scale silica sand mine operations potentially have detrimental health and environmental impacts;  
12 WHEREAS, extraction industries, including silica sand mining, have a history of economic boom and bust, deplete natural  
13 resources and do not sustain economic and cultural development; and,  
14 WHEREAS, local units of government need in-depth information to make sound decisions when faced with silica sand  
15 mine proposals;  
16 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW support a temporary moratorium on further permitting of silica sand mines or  
17 handling facilities while a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) is prepared to examine issues related to these  
18 facilities.

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20 **14-AGE-08: SUPPORT THE WISCONSIN RENEWABLE ENERGY ACT (91 WORDS)**

21 WHEREAS, Wisconsin has the lowest statewide renewable requirement in the country;  
22 WHEREAS, Wisconsin sends over \$12 billion out of state every year to meet our state's energy demand;  
23 WHEREAS, Wisconsin has the second highest electric rates in the Midwest, while our neighbors in Iowa and Minnesota  
24 pay less but have stronger renewable standards; and,  
25 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Renewable Energy Act (WREA) sets a renewable standard of 30% by 2030, a measure that  
26 84% of Wisconsin residents support;  
27 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW fully support and campaign for the passage of WREA.

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29 **14-AGE-09: TRANSPARENT AND SCIENCE-BASED WOLF MANAGEMENT (98 WORDS)**

30 WHEREAS, the April 29, 2014 winter wolf count reveals a 19% decline in population;  
31 WHEREAS, transparency of process in formulating wolf count data has been removed;  
32 WHEREAS, peer-reviewed research suggests recreational hunts are not a reliable method of managing depredations;  
33 WHEREAS, peer-reviewed research suggests Wisconsin's Wolves trigger trophic cascades on landscapes; and,  
34 WHEREAS, Wisconsin Act 169 was written by groups invested in killing the wolf for recreation or personal gain and signed  
35 into law by Governor Walker;  
36 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW stands for agency transparency, science-based wolf management, and lethal  
37 removal based on livestock and pet depredations.  
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1 **14-AGE-10: IN OPPOSITION TO THE KEystone XL PIPELINE (100 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, in late April President Obama delayed his approval decision on the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline;  
3 WHEREAS, top climatologist James Hansen warns that burning the Alberta tar sands would mean "game over" for the  
4 climate; and,  
5 WHEREAS, this pipeline is projected to create fewer than 100 permanent jobs;  
6 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW believes the Keystone XL Pipeline is not in our national interest, and calls on President  
7 Obama to deny the permit for the pipeline;  
8 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the DPW will send a copy of this resolution to President Obama, Secretary of State John Kerry,  
9 and Wisconsin's congressional delegation.

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11 **14-AGE-11: OPPOSING THE EXPANSION OF TAR SANDS OIL FLOW THROUGH ENBRIDGE'S LINE 61 PIPELINE (99 WORDS)**

12 WHEREAS, Enbridge proposes tripling the flow of tar sands oil through Line 61, which runs from Superior to Delavan;  
13 WHEREAS, tar sands oil is highly toxic and does not float, making it extremely difficult to clean up spills; and,  
14 WHEREAS, only one public hearing has been held, in Superior regarding an air permit, even though the project affects  
15 many state waterways and lands;  
16 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW calls on the DNR to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement of the proposed  
17 Line 61 expansion before allowing it to proceed, and hold public hearings in each county Line 61 crosses.

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

21  
22 **14-JHD-01: NONPARTISAN REDISTRICTING AMENDMENT (77 WORDS)**

23 WHEREAS, it is a conflict of interest for legislators to redraw their own districts; and,  
24 WHEREAS, gerrymandering allows for too many noncompetitive districts reducing a politician's accountability to  
25 constituents, promoting polarization, and reducing effective bipartisan compromise; and,  
26 WHEREAS, the current redistricting procedures lack the transparency necessary to reinforce citizens' faith in the  
27 democratic process;  
28 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW advocate for an amendment to the State Constitution authorizing to a nonpartisan  
29 commission the responsibility of legislative redistricting.

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31 **14-JHD-02: LIFTING PEOPLE OUT OF POVERTY (80 WORDS)**

32 WHEREAS, January 8<sup>th</sup> 2014 marked the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary our nation's launch of an "unconditional war on poverty"; and,  
33 WHEREAS, 50 years later 47 million Americans live in poverty;  
34 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW support: increasing the minimum wage and adjusting it each year for inflation;  
35 providing schools and colleges the resources they need to prepare students for employment; and maintaining funding for  
36 safety net programs such as food stamps and federal unemployment benefits that help lift people out of poverty.

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38 **14-JHD-03: CANDIDATES IN ALL 99 DISTRICTS (81 WORDS)**

39 WHEREAS, numerous Republican members of the State Assembly and three Republican state senators have already  
40 announced plans not to run for re-election in 2014;  
41 WHEREAS, increasing Democratic vote share in districts currently held by Republicans should be a goal of the DPW; and,  
42 WHEREAS, increasing Democratic performance in these areas is crucial to winning elections throughout the State;  
43 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW support fielding candidates in the November general elections for State Assembly  
44 and State Senate races in every district.

1 **14-JHD-04: SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE (84 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, insurance companies are not effective in controlling health care costs;  
3 WHEREAS, insurance companies do not act in their customers' best interests but the best interests of their shareholders;  
4 WHEREAS, affordable health care is a universal human need and right; and,  
5 WHEREAS, the federal government has demonstrated the ability to manage Social Security and Medicare effectively and  
6 efficiently;  
7 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW advocate that the U. S. Government create a single payer health care plan for all,  
8 managed by the U. S. Government.

10 **14-JHD-05: ERADICATE HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND SUPPORT THE VICTIMS (97 WORDS)**

11 WHEREAS, Human Trafficking, a crime that impacts the United States, both internationally and domestically, creates  
12 modern day slavery in the form of forced or coerced labor, commercial sexual exploitation, and involuntary servitude;  
13 WHEREAS, Wisconsin has been deemed a "training ground" for these crimes, with 50% of those trafficked being children  
14 and 80% being female; and,  
15 WHEREAS, an estimated 15,000 to 60,000 people are trafficked annually in the U.S.;  
16 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW advocate for the eradication of Human Trafficking and support legislation and  
17 efforts to assist the victims of these crimes and the prosecution of perpetrators.

19 **14-JHD-06: ELIMINATING THE TIME LIMIT FOR RATIFICATION OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (90 WORDS)**

20 WHEREAS, although several notable judicial victories protecting women's rights have been achieved, these victories do  
21 not rest upon a constitutional foundation and women of all generations continue to face gender discrimination in many  
22 significant socioeconomic ways; and,  
23 WHEREAS, the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) would establish a constitutional foundation for women's rights;  
24 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW support HJ Resolution 43 and SJ Resolution 15 to eliminate the time limit for  
25 ratifying the ERA, meaning that only 3 additional states would be needed to achieve the 38 states needed for ratification.

27 **14-JHD-07: SCOTT WALKER SHOULD REIMBURSE THE TAXPAYERS OF MILWAUKEE COUNTY (99 WORDS)**

28 WHEREAS, emails and documents from the John Doe criminal probe show Scott Walker's paid County staff spent their  
29 time doing the business of the Friends of Scott Walker rather than County business; this illegal activity occurred near  
30 Walker's desk and Walker participated in campaign work during work times;  
31 WHEREAS, this work was done using the limited resources of the County, which suffered fiscally through his  
32 mismanagement;  
33 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW ask Walker to reimburse the taxpayers of Milwaukee County and apologize for his role in  
34 robbing them of honest services and that all documents relating to this investigation be released.

36 **14-JHD-08: VOTER TURNOUT BY NATURALIZED CITIZENS (38 WORDS)**

37 WHEREAS, voter turnout should be encouraged; and,  
38 WHEREAS, a large number of naturalized citizens are not registered to vote;  
39 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW encourage the registration of the naturalized citizens in Wisconsin, thereby  
40 potentially increasing voter turnout.

1 **14-JHD-09: NON-PARTISAN REDISTRICTING RESOLUTION (87 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, Iowa has effectively used a nonpartisan agency to draft district maps for approval by their Legislature since  
3 1981;

4 WHEREAS, bills in the Wisconsin Legislature, Assembly Bill 185 and Senate Bill 163, would reform the way the State  
5 redistricts;

6 WHEREAS, no public hearings have yet been held on these proposals, despite many citizens asking legislators to move  
7 these bills along; and,

8 WHEREAS, litigation in the 2011 redistricting process cost taxpayers \$2.1 million;

9 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that DPW urge passage of an Iowa-type redistricting plan by the Wisconsin Legislature.  
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11 **14-JHD-10: GRANTING UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS NONCITIZEN TEMPORARY LICENSES (88 WORDS)**

12 WHEREAS, Wisconsin is among the nation's top dairy and agriculture producing states;

13 WHEREAS, the business of farming depends heavily on the labor of undocumented immigrants for the management of  
14 dairy herds, harvesting and processing of crops; and,

15 WHEREAS, undocumented immigrants cannot obtain a legal driver's license because of a lack of needed documents and  
16 fear of being identified as an undocumented immigrant and deported;

17 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW support legislation that would grant undocumented immigrants the opportunity to  
18 obtain a noncitizen temporary license and obtain automobile insurance.  
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20 **14-JHD-11: EXPANSION OF BADGERCARE (71 WORDS)**

21 WHEREAS, the Affordable Care Act has additional funds to expand Badgercare in Wisconsin;

22 WHEREAS, accepting these additional funds will add to our economy, create jobs and expand health care; and,

23 WHEREAS, failure of the Wisconsin State Government to accept Federal funds to expand Badgercare creates additional  
24 healthcare costs for all Wisconsinites;

25 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW support and encourage acceptance of federal funds and implement the expansion  
26 of Badgercare in Wisconsin.  
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28 **14-JHD-12: AFFIRMATION AND PROTECTION OF VOTING (93 WORDS)**

29 WHEREAS, voting is a cornerstone of democracy;

30 WHEREAS, voter impersonation, the only voter fraud that would be preventable by voter ID, has been proven to be  
31 virtually non-existent in Wisconsin;

32 WHEREAS, Wisconsin has cultivated a proud tradition of favoring public participation in the electoral process; and,

33 WHEREAS, we shall resist attempts to restrict voter registration, impose voter photo ID requirements or limiting voting  
34 hours and opportunities;

35 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW oppose voter photo ID requirements and supports same day voter registration,  
36 extended voter registration hours, and additional voting opportunities to Wisconsin voters.  
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38 **14-JHD-13: NATIVE AMERICAN SOVEREIGNTY REGARDING THE GTAC MINE (89 WORDS)**

39 WHEREAS, the State Senate and State Assembly passed the mining bill with little opportunity for input from the public  
40 while giving favor to an out of state mining company;

41 WHEREAS, Governor Walker signed SB1 despite the opposition of a majority of Wisconsin citizens; and,

42 WHEREAS, Native American tribes were not consulted, as required by the Treaties of 1837, 1842, and 1854;

43 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW support the Wisconsin Native Tribes in their fight to prevent construction of the  
44 Gogebic Taconite Mine or any other mine in ceded territories.

1 **14-JHD-14: NATIVE AMERICAN MASCOTS (69 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, the use of Native American mascots and logos by sports teams is a harmful form of ethnic stereotyping; and,  
3 WHEREAS, Wisconsin enacted a law in late 2013 that made it nearly impossible to remove Indian mascots from public  
4 school sports teams;

5 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW urge the Wisconsin legislature to restore the burden of proof on schools districts  
6 using Native American mascots to disprove harmful ethnic stereotyping.

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8 **14-JHD-15: MAKE VOTING DAYS OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS (100 WORDS)**

9 WHEREAS, voting is both a right and responsibility;

10 WHEREAS, conducting voting on work days makes it more difficult to vote; people may work long hours, commute far  
11 and have many other responsibilities to meet that day;

12 WHEREAS, workday voting leads to long voting lines before and after work;

13 WHEREAS, Republicans are restricting early voting; and,

14 WHEREAS, making voting days official holidays would help alleviate these problems as well as increase awareness of the  
15 date to vote, which is not well publicized except for general elections for President and Governor;

16 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW support making voting days official holidays.

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18 **14-JHD-16: CONCERNING THE JUDICIAL CONDUCT OF U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE RUDOLPH RANDA (99 WORDS)**

19 WHEREAS, Judge Rudolph Randa has recently ruled against Special Prosecutors investigating potential violations of  
20 campaign finance laws by the Club for Growth;

21 WHEREAS, Judge Randa's rulings were in reckless disregard for judicial ethics including, but not limited to:

22 Canon 1: A judge should uphold the integrity and independence of the judiciary

23 Canon 2: A judge should avoid impropriety and the appearance of impropriety in all activities

24 Canon 4: A judge should perform the duties of the office fairly, impartially and diligently;

25 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW condemns Judge Randa's reckless disregard for judicial ethics in his handling of this  
26 case.

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28 **14-JHD-17: PRESIDENTIAL APPOINTMENT OF A COMMISSION TO ASSESS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RE-  
29 ORGANIZATION OF THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION (98 WORDS)**

30 WHEREAS, the current organization and procedures of the VA appear to have played a major role in delaying treatment of  
31 veterans and to have fostered an inappropriate organizational climate;

32 WHEREAS, our veterans should be provided with timely as well as the best treatments available; and,

33 WHEREAS, with General Shinseki's resignation, the change in leadership provides an ideal opportunity for a more  
34 objective assessment of the VA;

35 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW urge President Obama to appoint a commission to assess and make  
36 recommendations for re-organizing the VA and/or the manner in which services are provided to our veterans.  
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1 **14-JHD-18: PRESIDENT MUST USE EXECUTIVE POWER TO STOP INHUMANE DEPORTATIONS (100 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, Immigration Customs and Enforcement (ICE) officials continue to deport immigrants and break up families,  
3 causing extreme social and economic harm to these families;

4 WHEREAS, these deportations and broken families would not be occurring if the moral approach, comprehensive  
5 immigration reform, had been enacted; and,

6 WHEREAS, the President has executive power to stop these deportations and in late May he delayed a review of  
7 deportation policies that could have led to the use of this power;

8 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW requests the President use his executive power to stop the deportations that  
9 would not occur under comprehensive immigration reform.

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11 **14-JHD-19: SENATOR BERNIE SANDERS SHOULD RUN AS A DEMOCRAT IF HE RUNS FOR PRESIDENT (93 WORDS)**

12 WHEREAS, Senator Bernie Sanders is weighing the possibility of running for president and doing so within the Democratic  
13 Party;

14 WHEREAS, Senator Sanders is a lifelong champion of the of the progressive positions this party holds dear, including  
15 economic justice, single payer health care, standing up against the power of concentrated wealth and opposing unjust  
16 wars; and,

17 WHEREAS, progressive third party candidates can have the negative effect of splitting the progressive vote, allowing right  
18 wing extremists to win;

19 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW urge Senator Sanders to run as a Democrat if he runs.

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22 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

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24 **14-FA-01: OPPOSE ANY U.S. MILITARY INVOLVEMENT IN UKRAINE (96 WORDS)**

25 WHEREAS, both President Obama and Republican leaders state there is no military solution in Ukraine;

26 WHEREAS, history shows political problems, even oppression, can be resolved without military conflict, e.g., the fall of the  
27 Berlin Wall;

28 WHEREAS, the US has neither the moral authority nor the economic resources to act as "policeman for the world", having  
29 itself been the recent perpetrator of an illegal and immoral invasion of Iraq; and,

30 WHEREAS, the United Nations, although not perfect, provides the best framework for resolving international problems;

31 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW oppose any US military involvement in Ukraine.