

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE SD38 DFL CONVENTION
DAKOTA HILLS MIDDLE SCHOOL, EGAN MN
MARCH 1, 2008

- 1) **BE IT RESOLVED:** That food items that come from cloned animals and genetically modified plants be clearly labeled for consumers to see. *Agriculture and Food*
- 2) **BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Minnesota DFL Party repudiate the use of torture as a means of obtaining information from prisoners. *Civil, Human and Constitutional Rights*
- 3) **BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Democratic Party work to reverse the Patriot Act and restore the rule of law in America. *Civil, Human and Constitutional Rights*
- 4) **BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Minnesota Congressional delegation vote for and Minnesota state legislature ratify the following Free and Fair Elections Amendment to the U.S. Constitution:

A proper election, well regulated and regarded, being necessary to the security of a free State, the stability of the Union, and the establishment of a free Citizenry, the right of the people to an audited, voter-verified, certified, paper record of the vote, shall not be infringed.

To provide proper access to the polls, all voters shall be citizens of the United States and all citizens shall enjoy the right to speedy exercise of their right to vote.

To provide transparency and defend against fraud, error, or mistake, all election functions shall be public and observable by the people. No person shall be denied the right to visually observe the vote count or to inspect the public registration records. All votes shall be cast in privacy on anonymous paper ballots.

To provide an accurate and auditable count, ballot counting machines shall maintain the integrity of paper ballots after the count and allow for calibration and audits by citizen election judges. All data, totals, software, ballots, and other records of the vote, regardless of how gathered, counted, or created, shall be the property of the People.

Congress and the several States shall have the power to enforce this article by appropriate legislation. *Civil, Human and Constitutional Rights*
- 5) **BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Minnesota DFL Party support a movement to overturn any amendment that prohibits, denies or limits marital rights, civil unions, or any other similar recognition to GLBT citizens. *Civil, Human and Constitutional Rights*
- 6) **BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Minnesota DFL Party expects its endorsed candidates and elected officials to reaffirm their commitment to Minnesota's public education system, a commitment that includes strong support for uniform and equal educational opportunities for all students, professional salaries and benefits for education employees, and appropriate state funding for all education programs in early childhood, K-12, special education, and higher education. *Education*
- 7) **BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Congress and state government legislative bodies enact legislation that attempts to rehabilitate and correct our addiction to increasingly scarce and expensive fossil fuels and to work to develop policies that will make the United States free from dependency on imported energy sources. Such policies should develop sustainable energy sources for every Minnesota residence, especially emphasizing cellulosic research that produces fuels that are better for conservation, wildlife, and soil. *Energy*
- 8) **BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Minnesota DFL Party support rolling back of tax credits to oil companies and redirecting monies to alternative energy resources. *Energy*

- 9) BE IT RESOLVED:** That the possible wrongdoings of President Bush, Vice President Cheney, and other members of the executive branch, which include organizing and disseminating false information to the American public prior to the Iraq War and other secret or deceptive activities, shall be investigated and, where laws have been broken, prosecuted, penalized, and impeached pursuant to U.S. law. *Government Accountability to the Public*
- 10) BE IT RESOLVED:** That Minnesota healthcare providers use only mercury-free vaccines when available. *Health and Human Services*
- 11) BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Minnesota DFL Party supports the Children's Health Security Act to ensure all children access to affordable, quality health care coverage. *Health and Human Services*
- 12) BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Minnesota DFL Party supports affordable and supportive housing and assisted living for people with mental illnesses. *Health and Human Services*
- 13) BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Minnesota DFL Party urge the President and Congress of the United States of America to withdraw all combat troops from Iraq and provide for the medical, social and financial care of all US service personnel injured in Iraq in a manner consistent with their injuries and reflective of the gratitude of this nation to all veterans and their families. *National Security and International Policy*
- 14) BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Minnesota DFL Party urge the President and Congress to adopt laws and enter into treaties that will reduce carbon emissions, and fund such programs as will spur development and use of alternative energy sources. *Natural Resources and the Environment*
- 15) BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Minnesota DFL Party support legislation to counteract global warming by increasing energy efficiency, creating alternative fuels, and adopting standards for carbon emissions. *Natural Resources and the Environment*
- 16) BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Minnesota DFL Party support banning the sale and use of all lead gunshot and lead tackle. *Natural Resources and the Environment*
- 17) BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Minnesota DFL Party support establishment of a lower national level of mercury emissions from coal-burning power plants to reduce the levels of mercury in lakes. *Natural Resources and the Environment*
- 18) BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Minnesota DFL Party shall urge the President and Congress to adopt such changes to funding of and benefits provided by the Social Security System to ensure, as may be reasonably projected, the fiscal stability of the Social Security System through the year 2075. *Retirement Security*
- 19) BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Social Security tax remain in its own fund and cannot be transferred to any fund or borrowed out in any way. *Retirement Security*
- 20) BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Bush tax cuts set to expire in 2010 be repealed early or allowed to expire (including the estate tax repeal). *Tax and Budget Policy*
- 21) BE IT RESOLVED:** That we focus on balancing the federal budget and reducing the deficit so as not to burden future generations with our debt. *Tax and Budget Policy*
- 22) BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Minnesota DFL Party expects our endorsed candidates and elected officials to support legislation that provides for better treatment of disabled veterans both at the VA hospital and the VA home, including decreased co-pays. *Veterans Affairs*