

Democratic Party of Wisconsin 2015 Resolutions

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

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3 **15-ELE-01: THE PREVAILING WAGE LAW DOES NOT NEED CHANGES (64 WORDS)**

4 WHEREAS, hourly wage benefits and overtime paid to the majority of workers in an area set the prevailing wage;
5 WHEREAS, a regulatory agency for each trade and the State Department of Labor establishes the prevailing wage;
6 WHEREAS, everyone competes on a level playing field; and,
7 WHEREAS, it prevents contractors from underbidding by lowering wages;
8 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports saving the Prevailing Wage Law.

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10 **15-ELE-02: PROJECT LABOR AGREEMENTS (PLA) CREATE A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD (85 WORDS)**

11 WHEREAS, PLAs are Community Workforce Agreements;
12 WHEREAS, pre-hiring collective bargaining agreements with one or more labor organization establishes terms and
13 conditions of employment for a specific construction project;
14 WHEREAS, project construction unions bargain the wages and benefits of all workers on the project;
15 WHEREAS, terms apply to all contractors and subcontractors working on the project and supersede any other
16 collective bargaining agreement; and,
17 WHEREAS, PLAs are authorized under the National Labor Relations Act;
18 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports no change to Project Labor Agreement Laws.

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20 **15-ELE-03: FULL REPEAL OF 2015 WISCONSIN ACT 1, "THE RIGHT TO FREELOAD ACT" (93 WORDS)**

21 WHEREAS, union labor is the backbone of the middle class;
22 WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin will continue to trail behind other Midwestern states in job creation due to anti-
23 labor policies;
24 WHEREAS, many businesses that depend on union labor may actually leave the state due to the lack of a qualified,
25 trained workforce; and,
26 WHEREAS, unions are required to represent all workers in a collective bargaining unit, therefore all workers should
27 be obligated to pay the union for their benefits;
28 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports the full repeal of the 2015 Wisconsin Act 1.

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30 **15-ELE-04: SUPPORT FOR LABOR (79 WORDS)**

31 WHEREAS, organized labor plays an integral part in raising the standard of living for its members and society in
32 general;
33 WHEREAS, organized labor gives all working people an effective voice in the political arena; and,
34 WHEREAS, organized labor works to protect the rights of its members to a safe, fair, and just work environment;
35 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW shall work for repeal of all so-called "Right-To-Work" legislation and
36 reinstatement of full bargaining rights to all private and public employees.

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38 **15-ELE-05: PROTECT WISCONSIN RETIREMENT FUND (70 WORDS)**

39 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Retirement Fund represents the deferred wages of state/local government employees and
40 existing federal, state and local laws require tax-qualified public employee pension funds to operate exclusively in the
41 interest of plan participants and beneficiaries; and,
42 WHEREAS, there have been recent unsuccessful proposals to degrade the fund;

1 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW opposes any legislation or change(s) to the existing legislation or structure(s)
2 of the Wisconsin Retirement Fund.

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4 **15-ELE-06: MAKE ALL BENEFIT PROGRAMS SLIDING SCALE (74 WORDS)**

5 WHEREAS, a benefit program that ends abruptly when income reaches a threshold can be a disincentive to become
6 more economically self-reliant by taking a higher income job or working longer hours; and,

7 WHEREAS, this disincentive can be eliminated by providing benefits on a sliding scale, as is done with Food Share;

8 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW work with poverty reduction advocates such as Community Advocates and WCCF
9 to change all benefit programs to sliding scale.

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11 **15-ELE-07: ADMINISTRATION OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL NUTRITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (64 WORDS)**

12 WHEREAS, the "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program" has been successfully administrated by the US Federal
13 Government from its inception and benefited millions of Americans; and,

14 WHEREAS, the current Congress is considering passing legislation to make it a state Block Grant program subject to
15 the politics of state governments;

16 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the administration of "Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program" remain the
17 responsibility of the Federal Government.

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19 **15-ELE-08: REINSTATE THE GLASS-STEAGALL ACT (84 WORDS)**

20 WHEREAS, the 1999 repeal of the Glass-Steagall Act allowed commercial banks to engage in derivative speculation
21 and this in turn caused the 2008 collapse of the Wall Street banking system;

22 WHEREAS, we taxpayers, through the federal government, bailed out the banks; and,

23 WHEREAS, the watered down Dodd-Frank legislation allows the banks to continue investing in speculative derivatives
24 that could cause need for another taxpayer bailout;

25 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW demands federal legislation to reinstate Glass-Steagall to require separation of
26 commercial banking from speculative banking.

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28 **15-ELE-09: PREVENT THE LOSS OF HEALTH RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS DUE TO AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA)**
29 **PROVISIONS (98 WORDS)**

30 WHEREAS, provisions of the ACA limit the ability of retired teachers to work as substitutes more than 30 hours per
31 week without forfeiting use of their HRA;

32 WHEREAS, it is difficult to find substitute teachers who have the skill and expertise to maximize student learning in
33 the absence of the regular teacher; and,

34 WHEREAS, there are many retired teachers across Wisconsin who could serve in such capacity and are willing to do
35 so;

36 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW promote and support legislation allowing retired teachers to be employed as often
37 and as long as necessary without impacting their HRA.

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39 **15-ELE-10: APPLY ACCOUNTABILITY STANDARDS TO ALL SCHOOLS (85 WORDS)**

40 WHEREAS, private and parochial schools that accept state funding through taxpayer financed vouchers are not held
41 to the same state statutory requirements, testing requirements, and accountability measures as public schools; and,

42 WHEREAS, AB1 and SB1 as submitted to the legislature are both deeply flawed in the accountability measures they
43 propose;

44 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW affirms its commitment to fair and impartial administration of and publication of
45 all school accountability standards, which should be applied equally to all public schools and private voucher schools
46 without exception.

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15-ELE-11: CHANGE WISCONSIN SCHOOL FINANCE FUNDING TIMELINE (98 WORDS)

WHEREAS, Wisconsin school districts are fiscal year organizations operating from July 1 to June 30 each year;
WHEREAS, property values used for budgeting are determined three months after the start of the fiscal year;
WHEREAS, equalization aid used for budgeting is determined three and half months after the start of the fiscal year;
and,
WHEREAS, financial commitments required to operate school districts precede the determination of resources;
THEREFORE, RESOLVED, Wisconsin State law be amended to provide that revenue limit determination be finalized prior to the start of the fiscal year, using the previous year's data for financial determinations.

15-ELE-12: PROMOTE RACIAL EQUALITY BY FULLY FUNDING PUBLIC EDUCATION (69 WORDS)

WHEREAS, racial bias causes death, discouragement, crowded prisons, lost potential, heartache and is a stain on the promise of our nation; and,
WHEREAS, fully funded public education provides a level playing field and is a proven antidote to racial bias;
THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW support and promote the return of fully funded public education from early childhood through free community college as a way to promote racial equality.

15-ELE-13: NO PUBLIC FUNDING FOR PRIVATE SCHOOLS (76 WORDS)

WHEREAS, Wisconsin private schools should be financed by people who choose to use them;
WHEREAS, private schools are not equally nor adequately regulated, with no indications that private schools have better outcomes, test scores, graduation rates, or job placement; and,
WHEREAS, private school vouchers divert critical funds away from our public schools;
THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW oppose school vouchers and private schools financed with public money and support reinvesting these monies in our public schools.

15-ELE-14: SUPPORT FUNDING OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS (97 WORDS)

WHEREAS, public education is a cornerstone of democracy and essential to Wisconsin's economic welfare;
WHEREAS, Wisconsin guarantees education for all;
WHEREAS, public schools serve all students;
WHEREAS, private schools are not held accountable to state standards;
WHEREAS, the state cannot afford to support two education systems;
WHEREAS, taxpayer subsidized private schools take resources from public schools; and,
WHEREAS, 95% of Wisconsin's private schools are religiously affiliated;
THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the Legislature reverse all funding cuts to pre-K-12 districts, technical colleges, and the University of Wisconsin System and that taxpayer money be used only to support public educational institutions.

15-ELE-15: INVEST IN BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE (89 WORDS)

WHEREAS, most of rural Wisconsin residents lack access to broadband internet and even more Wisconsinites lack access to the higher speeds typically required for businesses and hospitals;
WHEREAS, Wisconsin lags behind other states in broadband funding;
WHEREAS, the investment in broadband infrastructure across Wisconsin is essential to economic development; and,
WHEREAS Broadband infrastructure is expensive to build in sparsely populated areas and without broad public support, rural areas will be chronically underserved;

1 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports increased funding to expand broadband infrastructure to all underserved
2 communities of Wisconsin.

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4 **15-ELE-16: DRUG TESTING FOR GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE (68 WORDS)**

5 WHEREAS, requiring drug testing to receive unemployment benefits and state economic aid violates civil rights;

6 WHEREAS, the cost of a drug testing program for benefits has been demonstrated to be fiscally irresponsible in
7 states where it has been implemented; and,

8 WHEREAS, it imposes a stigma upon those in already difficult financial positions;

9 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the legislature should abandon mandatory drug testing for any unemployment
10 compensation and assistance programs.

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12 **15-ELE-17: STATE TAX REFORM (90 WORDS)**

13 WHEREAS, Wisconsin taxes have become increasingly regressive in nature, relying more heavily upon fees and other
14 inequitable tax structures;

15 WHEREAS, tax relief favors the wealthy resulting in a disproportionate tax burden on the working poor and middle
16 class, adversely impacting the quality of life in Wisconsin; and,

17 WHEREAS, the current tax structure is seriously damaging counties, municipalities, and school districts by failing to
18 provide them with adequate resources;

19 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW will call upon the State Legislature and Governor to restore Wisconsin to an
20 equitable & progressive tax policy.

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22 **15-ELE-18: CONCERNING REDUCED FUNDING OF CUB (74 WORDS)**

23 WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Citizen Utility Board (CUB) has represented ratepayers at hearings held by the Public Service
24 Commission (PSC) for nearly 3 decades;

25 WHEREAS, CUB has successfully convinced the PSC to reduce rate increases requested by utilities operating in this
26 state; and,

27 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee Metropolitan Association of Commerce has successfully lobbied the Joint Finance
28 Committee to reduce funding of CUB as part of Walker's budget;

29 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW opposes reducing the funding of CUB.

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31 **15-ELE-19: SUPPORT MILWAUKEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS, OPPOSE "RECOVERY" DISTRICT (99 WORDS)**

32 WHEREAS, state leaders have proposed granting the County Executive the power to appoint a commissioner to take
33 control of up to five MPS schools each year, with the authority to turn them over to private operators;

34 WHEREAS, voucher schools have drained over \$1 billion of taxpayer funds from public schools with almost no
35 accountability for student achievement; and,

36 WHEREAS, privately run voucher schools fail to adequately serve students with special needs and/or English
37 language learners;

38 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that DPW calls on all state Democrats to oppose takeovers of public schools by individuals
39 not chosen by voters to govern them.

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1 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

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3 **15-AGE-01: SUPPORT EXPANDING COTTAGE FOOD LAWS (98 WORDS)**

4 WHEREAS, the "Pickle Bill" passed in 2010, which allows limited sales of home canned foods without a license, has
5 led to increased revenue for small-scale farms;

6 WHEREAS, over 40 other states currently have more progressive cottage food laws than Wisconsin; and,

7 WHEREAS, 90% of farms in Wisconsin report needing some amount of off-farm income to support their families;

8 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports cottage food laws that would allow small farms and home-based
9 businesses to test products and markets for non-hazardous baked goods before investing upwards of \$50,000 in a
10 commercial kitchen, as specified in the "Cookie Bill."

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12 **15-AGE-02: MICROBEAD PLASTICS ARE KILLING THE GREAT LAKE'S FISHERY (61 WORDS)**

13 WHEREAS, soaps, sunscreens, and toothpaste can contain microbeads;

14 WHEREAS, 356,000 microbeads can be found in one tube of facial cleanser;

15 WHEREAS, microbeads are created from larger pieces of plastic;

16 WHEREAS, aquatic organisms consume these microbead "fish eggs"; and,

17 WHEREAS, companies are pledging to remove microbead plastics from products;

18 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports ending the use of microbeads in cleaning products.

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20 **15-AGE-03: PROTECT, PRESERVE AND PROMOTE PUBLIC LANDS (92 WORDS)**

21 WHEREAS, Wisconsin's outdoors, northwoods, parks, trails, greenways and waters are cherished;

22 WHEREAS, the care and maintenance of public lands are overseen by the DNR and GLIFWC;

23 WHEREAS, Governor Walker recommends selling 10,000 acres of stewardship land by 2017 and eliminating the rule
24 and policy making of the DNR Board, converting it to 'advisory' only; and,

25 WHEREAS, Governor Walker calls to freeze the Stewardship program, the backbone of Wisconsin's public land
26 program, until 2028;

27 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports the Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Program, and also preserving the
28 oversight role of the DNR Board.

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30 **15-AGE-04: PUT A PRICE CLIMATE CHANGE (79 WORDS)**

31 WHEREAS, the vast majority of scientists studying climate change have concluded that it puts the well-being of our
32 nation and our planet at serious risk; and,

33 WHEREAS, many experts have concluded that putting a price on carbon is essential to effectively reducing the risk of
34 adverse impacts from climate change;

35 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports putting a price on carbon by the enactment of appropriate federal
36 legislation, and urges Wisconsin members of Congress to promote and support such legislation.

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38 **15-AGE-05: RESTRICT MINING AND FOSSIL FUEL SUBSIDIES (98 WORDS)**

39 WHEREAS, the President has proposed to restrict many subsidies to the mining, oil, and gas industries in his budget
40 proposals;

41 WHEREAS, these subsidies include such egregious policies as the mining depletion allowance, no royalties for hard
42 rock mining on public lands, and speculators being able to exploit an 1872 law that "sells" public lands for
43 \$5.00/acre; and,

1 WHEREAS, the mining depletion allowance is backwards accounting that rewards mining companies with a tax credit
2 for depleting a nonrenewable natural resource;

3 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW support efforts by the President to restrict subsidies to the mining, oil, and gas
4 industries.

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6 **15-AGE-06: CONFINED ANIMAL FEEDING OPERATIONS (CAFOs) (91 WORDS)**

7 WHEREAS, some farming has evolved into industrialized CAFOs with thousands of animals housed at a single facility;

8 WHEREAS, it's estimated that each day CAFOs in Wisconsin produce over 47,000,000 gallons of waste, which
9 contains disease-causing organisms and may be spread on lands above geological structures incapable of filtering it,
10 causing pollution of the peoples' lakes, streams, and drinking water; and,

11 WHEREAS, laws and enforcement practices fail to protect public health and preempt local control;

12 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports a comprehensive reassessment of all laws governing CAFOs and related
13 local control provisions.

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15 **15-AGE-07: PROTECT WI & CITIZENS; REPEAL "2013 WISCONSIN ACT 1" MINING LAW (87 WORDS)**

16 WHEREAS, "Act 1" enables the 'legal' devastation of Wisconsin, endangers public health, invites nuclear/hazardous-
17 waste-storage/disposal at mine properties, and deprives citizens, State, municipalities, and tribes of their authority,
18 rights, property, and commonwealth;

19 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports legislation to rescind "2013 Wisconsin ACT 1";

20 FURTHER RESOLVED, restore DNR Head to an elected office, with environmental protection as top priority; and,

21 FURTHER RESOLVED, restore Wisconsin's protective "Radioactive Waste Review Board", with original/superior
22 authority over radioactive-waste-siting advances and outlaw "off-utility-site" storage/dumping of nuclear waste and
23 importation of out-of-state radioactive/hazardous waste.

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

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28 **15-JHD-01: WISCONSIN CREATE HEALTH CARE EXCHANGE (86 WORDS)**

29 WHEREAS, if, in King v. Burwell, the U.S. Supreme Court rules that the Affordable Care Act only allows tax credit
30 subsidies to be provided to citizens, who purchase health insurance from state-run exchanges;

31 WHEREAS, since Wisconsin has no state-run health care exchange, that legal decision would immediately make
32 health insurance unaffordable for tens of thousands of Wisconsin's citizens;

33 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that DPW support creation of a state-run health care exchange to ensure that those
34 vulnerable of our citizens may continue to afford coverage for basic health.

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36 **15-JHD-02: FULL PARITY FOR MENTAL HEALTH CARE COVERAGE BY INSURANCE PROVIDERS (93 WORDS)**

37 WHEREAS, current law only requires parity of coverage for Mental Health when it is covered by the medical
38 insurance plan, and does not actually require coverage;

39 WHEREAS, inequality of coverage for Mental Health is not addressed in other insurance, such as for medical
40 treatment under travel insurance; and,

41 WHEREAS, evidence continues to mount for the need of full Mental Health Care coverage for reasons of public
42 safety, not just for individual well-being;

43 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW demands legislation that unequivocally puts Mental Health Care on par with all
44 other accepted Medical Care coverage.

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1 **15-JHD-03: BADGER CARE (97 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, some childless adults below the poverty threshold rely on Badger Care for medical, dental, psychiatric
3 care, and prescription medication;
4 WHEREAS, without access to appropriate care and medicine, conditions may exacerbate, leading to increased crisis
5 and police calls, emergency room visits, hospital stays and/or jail;
6 WHEREAS, Badger Care provides access to care and services that help individuals manage their symptoms and avoid
7 crises; and,
8 WHEREAS, The Governor's proposed 2015-17 budget imposes premiums on Badger Care for adults without children
9 and limits enrollment to 48 months;
10 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW opposes the Governor's Budget proposals for Badger Care.

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12 **15-JHD-04: MEDICAID EXPANSION (91 WORDS)**

13 WHEREAS, the Legislative Fiscal Bureau estimates Governor Walker's refusal to accept federal Medicaid funds was a
14 \$351 million cost to Wisconsin in August of 2014;
15 WHEREAS, enrollment in Badger Care increased by 5719 between July 1 and December 31, 2014;
16 WHEREAS, the federal government now pays 60% of the cost but would pay 100% if Wisconsin accepted the
17 Medicaid Expansion; and,
18 WHEREAS, 28 states, including all of Wisconsin's neighboring states, have accepted Medicaid Expansion, and six
19 others are considering expansion;
20 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW supports full Medicaid Expansion in Wisconsin.

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22 **15-JHD-05: WISCONSIN SHOULD ADOPT A DRIVER CARD OPTION (90 WORDS)**

23 WHEREAS, a driver card option would guarantee that all Wisconsin drivers know the rules of the road and their
24 driving abilities are tested;
25 WHEREAS, unlicensed drivers are reluctant to report accidents, are more likely to leave the scene of an accident and
26 are less likely to render assistance;
27 WHEREAS, immigrants with driver cards would pay fees that keep our roads safe and in good condition; and,
28 WHEREAS, driver cards allow undocumented residents to purchase insurance lowering all of our premiums;
29 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW support adoption of Driver Card Legislation.

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31 **15-JHD-06: SUPPORT AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (54 WORDS)**

32 WHEREAS, Democrats believe in the importance of every citizens' right to vote; and,
33 WHEREAS, Wisconsin residents should be able to register easily and efficiently;
34 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports creating legislation that voter registration happen automatically with the
35 issuance of a Wisconsin Driver's License or State ID card as in the State of Oregon.

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37 **15-JHD-07: FULL REPEAL OF 2011 WISCONSIN ACT 23, THE "RESTRICT THE RIGHT TO VOTE" ACT (98 WORDS)**

38 WHEREAS, it is the inherent right to vote of every United States citizen 18 years of age or older who resides in an
39 election district in Wisconsin and is a qualified elector in that district, unless excluded by duly enacted laws barring
40 certain convicted felons or adjudicated incompetents/partially incompetents; and,
41 WHEREAS, the government may not disqualify an elector who possesses those qualifications on the grounds that the
42 voter does not satisfy additional statutorily-created qualifications such as approved photo identification;
43 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports the full repeal of the 2011 Wisconsin Act 23, which restricts citizens
44 from voting.

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15-JHD-08: VOTING RIGHTS (75 WORDS)

WHEREAS, voting is a right of American citizens and the Constitution grants Congress the right to make or alter voting regulations; and,

WHEREAS, individual states have limited access to voting through restricting early voting hours and days, not allowing same-day registration and imposing voter ID laws;

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW advocates for a national voting standard which should be developed and applied in all states to secure the right to vote for all citizens.

15-JHD-09: CAMPAIGN FINANCE AMENDMENT (99 WORDS)

WHEREAS, the Supreme Court rulings in Citizens United vs. The FEC and McCutcheon vs. The FEC have eliminated all restraint on corporate money spent in political campaigns;

WHEREAS, these rulings establish that property can be people;

WHEREAS, recent elections demonstrate the corrosive effect of massive corporate spending in influencing local, state, and national campaigns to favor a moneyed elite; and,

WHEREAS, the current oligarchy diminishes the economic health of our nation's people;

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW shall work to effect an amendment to the United States Constitution that would eliminate anonymous, unregulated, and unlimited corporate spending in political campaigns.

15-JHD-10: LIMIT OUT OF STATE CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS (74 WORDS)

WHEREAS, campaign contributions from wealthy donors who reside outside of Wisconsin can have a corrupting influence on Wisconsin politics; and,

WHEREAS, Connecticut enacted legislation in 2006 that limits out of state campaign contributions and this was deemed constitutional in 2009 by the U.S. Supreme Court;

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW support legislation that requires campaigns for elected offices in Wisconsin to have at least 85% of campaign funding and 85% of contributors be from Wisconsin.

15-JHD-11: WISCONSIN SHOULD REDUCE THE PRISON POPULATION (93 WORDS)

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has the largest African-American prison population per capita in the US;

WHEREAS, Wisconsin spends \$1.3 billion on Department of Corrections;

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Truth in Sentencing and Three Strikes rule has doubled the prison population since 1994;

WHEREAS, Wisconsin uses solitary confinement for longer than 15 days, which the UN considers torture;

WHEREAS, Wisconsin could release elderly and ill prisoners who pose no threat; and,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin could help people get jobs and housing instead of re-incarceration on technical violations;

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports adopting guidelines to reduce prison population significantly.

15-JHD-12: WISCONSIN'S TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES PROGRAM (95 WORDS)

WHEREAS, Wisconsin should be providing easier and safer ways for people with disabilities and elderly people to get around within their communities;

WHEREAS, consumers of medical transport should have the ability to file a complaint with an agency or source separate from the provider that can offer independent advocacy regarding the incorrectly scheduled trips; and,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Complete Streets law should be restored which requires that bicyclists and pedestrians be taken into account whenever a road is built or reconstructed with state or federal funds;

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW should support Wisconsin's Transportation Alternatives Program.

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2 **15-JHD-13: PUBLIC TV/RADIO FUNDING (85 WORDS)**
3 WHEREAS, Wisconsin Public TV/Radio has been a source of unbiased news and general interest programming for all
4 communities;
5 WHEREAS, Wisconsin Public Broadcasting's statewide infrastructure provides the backbone of the State's emergency
6 alert system, including the capacity for Amber Alerts and other public safety warnings;
7 WHEREAS, right wing talk radio has been advocating for ending WPR for decades; and,
8 WHEREAS, the Governor's budget removes funding for Public TV/Radio via the Wisconsin Educational
9 Communications Board;
10 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW opposes removing the funding for Wisconsin Public TV/Radio.
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12 **15-JHD-14: REQUIRE FREE ACCESS TO ALL C-SPAN CHANNELS BY ALL TV VIEWERS (50 WORDS)**
13 WHEREAS, all three C-Span broadcasts are paid for by the cable and satellite ratepayers; and,
14 WHEREAS, all three C-Span broadcasts are made available to providers at no cost to the providers;
15 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports all broadcast, cable and satellite TV viewers receive all three C-Span
16 broadcasts without charge.
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18 **15-JHD-15: MARRIAGE EQUALITY (89 WORDS)**
19 WHEREAS, Section 13 of Article XIII of the Wisconsin Constitution denies equal treatment under the law to same-sex
20 couples and their families;
21 WHEREAS, Wisconsin's Domestic Partner Registry offers limited but critical protections to same-sex couples and their
22 families; and,
23 WHEREAS, the decision striking down Section 13 of Article XIII has been appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court;
24 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW is committed to: (1) preserving Wisconsin's Domestic Partner Registry; (2)
25 repealing Section 13 of Article XIII of the Wisconsin Constitution; and (3) supporting marriage equality for same-sex
26 couples.
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28 **15-JHD-16: STATE PARTY ELECTIONS (84 WORDS)**
29 WHEREAS, the current system requires delegates to attend the State Convention in order to cast a vote;
30 WHEREAS, the time, travel, and cost of such attendance can be considerable; and,
31 WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 4 of the National Democratic charter affords all members equal opportunity to
32 participate in selecting candidates;
33 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW shall regularly review and make every effort to enact the most efficient voting
34 processes available that allow participation by the maximum number of delegates without undue hardship to the
35 voters.
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37 **15-JHD-17: STOP PRIVATIZATION OF PROGRAMS SERVING THE ELDERLY AND DISABLED (65 WORDS)**
38 WHEREAS, Wisconsin has a proud history of caring for its citizens with programs like the ADRC and Senior Care; and,
39 WHEREAS, current privatization agendas award crony no-bid contracts to those who dismantle these well functioning
40 social safety nets while enriching themselves;
41 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW supports strengthened programs that care for our citizens and opposes the
42 crony privatization of well-functioning, publicly funded public programs.
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1 **15-JHD-18: REQUIRING OPEN-SOURCE SOFTWARE FOR ELECTIONS (85 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, public confidence in the integrity of the election system is declining; and voting machines and computers
3 that add vote totals are being run with computer programs or software that can substantially change vote totals in
4 subtle ways that are difficult to detect; and,

5 WHEREAS, we the people have the right to know exactly how votes are processed, to have transparent elections;

6 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW calls upon the GAB to pledge available resources toward creating, certifying, and
7 deploying publicly owned, open source election systems.

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9 **15-JHD-19: FAIR VOTING FOR DEMOCRATIC PARTY OFFICES (66 WORDS)**

10 WHEREAS, the Democratic Party of Wisconsin is attempting to get a fair voting process approved by the Democratic
11 National Committee;

12 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the membership directs the Administrative Committee such that at future conventions in
13 the event that there are more than two candidates for a Democratic Party of Wisconsin office and if no candidate
14 receives a majority of the votes cast, there shall be a runoff between the top two candidates and elections shall be
15 by ballot.

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17 **15-JHD-20: FIX & STAFF THE VA DON'T PRIVATIZE IT (100 WORDS)**

18 WHEREAS, Congress passed the Veterans' Access to Care Through Choice, Accountability & Transparency Act of
19 2014, which privatizes VA healthcare to potentially 3,000,000 veterans; actual costs for that privatized care are
20 estimated to be 30% higher than VA care, but the VA hasn't done a comparison of such costs;

21 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW opposes VA privatization, calls on Congress to NOT extend the "Choice" Act to
22 properly fund/staff the VA, and calls on the WI Congressional delegation to support asking the VA secretary for a
23 report estimating the cost of VA healthcare compared to the cost of privatized health care.

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25 **15-JHD-21: REFORM POLICING (100 WORDS)**

26 WHEREAS, racial injustice and unjustified violence, including the killing of unarmed African Americans, continue to
27 occur during policing in America;

28 WHEREAS, the President's Task Force on 21st Century Policing developed recommendations which would reduce
29 these problems and provide greater police accountability; and,

30 WHEREAS, the DNC supports these recommendations and calls for ending racial profiling, reducing mass
31 incarceration, demilitarizing the police, expanding community policing and diversity, using de-escalation tactics, and
32 investing in our young people and their families so that ALL may realize the American promise of liberty and justice;

33 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW joins the DNC in supporting these reforms.

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36 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

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38 **15-FA-01: EMBRACE NON-VIOLENT SOLUTIONS (95 WORDS)**

39 WHEREAS, the following words are on the Gandhi statue outside the Milwaukee County Courthouse:

40 "Non-violence is the greatest force at the disposal of mankind." Mahatma Gandhi

41 "If humanity is to progress, Gandhi is inescapable." Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

42 "If the evolution of civilization is to survive, man cannot fail to eventually adopt Gandhi's belief that the process of
43 the mass application of force to resolve contentious issues is fundamentally not only wrong but contains within itself
44 the germs of self destruction." General Douglas MacArthur;

45 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports non-violent solutions to international conflicts.