RESOLUTIONS 2018

**Agriculture & Food**
1. Our congressional delegation must oppose cuts to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and work to address barriers facing new farmers in the upcoming Farm Bill. We must keep farming and nutrition policies linked together.

**Business & Community Development**
2. Urge the Minnesota Legislature to pass a comprehensive, affordable housing bill that will provide funds for the preservation and development of truly affordable housing at 30% AMI or lower, provide rent control and enhance the protection of tenants’ rights across the board in the 2018 session.

25. The DFL will protect Net Neutrality - No Media category in the resolutions, put under business.

**Civil, Human & Constitutional Rights**
3. The DFL will fight gender oppression and racial injustices, and will put the needs and values of people ahead of the interests of powerful corporations.

**Consumer Issues**
4. The DFL supports the legalization, regulation, and taxation of marijuana in a manner similar to that of tobacco or alcohol.

5. The DFL urges Minnesota’s elected officials to commit to doing all they can to improve the economic viability of food production and distribution in the region and to increase access to and affordability of healthy food in all of our communities.

**Education**
6. The DFL supports increasing Minnesota’s per pupil education funding formula to create a more equitable school funding process and eliminate the disparity between property tax rich and property tax poor school districts.

7. DFL and its endorsed candidates support partnerships with Joint Apprenticeship Training Programs and MNSCU for credit hours awarded for completion of a state certified apprenticeship program.

8. State government prioritize funding of high-quality early education for low-income children age 0 to 5.
**Energy**
9. The DFL supports the creation of a carbon pricing system where big polluters pay for their carbon emissions and the revenue is reinvested in Minnesota families and in equitable renewable energy solutions.

10. DFL supports: 1) Securing at least 50% of Minnesota’s electricity from wind and solar by 2030 with a goal of 100% renewables by no later than 2050 2) Planning a transition away from dirty coal by 2030 by increasing renewable energy and investment in energy efficiency to save energy and money on our energy bills 3) Ensuring a racially and economically just transition where everyone has access to the benefits of clean energy through programs and priorities to end energy poverty and allow for community solar for all.

**Government Accountability to the Public**
11. Minnesota should join the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact to ensure the candidate who wins the popular vote is elected President.

12. DFL supports a system of government in which power is vested in the people, and calls for an amendment to the U.S Constitution to establish that 1) only human beings are endowed with constitutional rights, and 2) money is not speech, and therefore, regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech, and 3) legislation to amend the U.S Constitution accordingly as written in Minnesota SF 1082 and HF 2139 and U.S. Congress HJR 48.

13. DFL supports restoring voting rights to Minnesotans convicted of a felony when they are on probation or parole.

**Health and Human Services**
14. The DFL supports the proposed Minnesota Health Plan (SF 219/HF358), a commonsense, comprehensive, affordable, universal health care system that includes everyone, covers all medically necessary care, including long-term care and dental care, focuses on preventative care and chronic disease management, allows patients to choose their providers, sets premiums based on ability to pay, is publicly administered, and assures adequate numbers of providers across the state to guarantee timely access to care. Furthermore, the DFL supports enactment of HR 676 and S 1804 (Medicare for All Act) at the national level.

15. Medicare be allowed to negotiate the cost of prescription drugs for all recipients and that privatizing Medicare be opposed.

16. The State of Minnesota bring the administration of Medicaid health insurance “in-house,” thereby reducing excessive private Medicaid health care costs.
17. DFL supports the full implementation and enforcement of mental health parity laws so that people with mental illnesses and substance use disorders are treated fairly and get the treatment they need.

18. The DFL urges the Minnesota Legislature to compel the Office of Legislative Auditor to conduct HMO audits, which the 2012 legislature ordered to be done, but which have not been done.

**Labor & Employment**

19. DFL go on record supporting the Wage Theft Prevention Act to establish a statutory definition of wage theft making it a specific violation of law and provide more authority for the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry to get wage records and authority for increased penalties for employers who fail to keep employment records, and for employers who willfully or repeatedly violate wage and hour laws.

20. The DFL expects our elected officials and endorsed candidates to support the expansion of Minnesota’s prevailing wage laws (state Davis-Bacon) to include all public school construction and all projects funded by local tax dollars by local units of government.

21. The DFL and its endorsed candidates support prevailing rates and oppose any attempts to eliminate or reduce prevailing wage laws in Minnesota.

22. The DFL expects our elected officials and endorsed candidates to support the option of Labor/Management negotiated Project Labor Agreements on public construction and renovation projects.

23. The DFL supports a Paid Family and Medical Leave social insurance program that provides access to a minimum of 12 weeks of partial wage replacement to all workers for family leave and 12 weeks for medical leave, covering a comprehensive set of critical, life-changing events.

24. The DFL expects our elected officials and endorsed candidates to oppose so called "Right to Work" legislation.

**Media & Internet Issues**

25. The DFL will protect Net Neutrality
Natural Resources
26. DFL opposes any new crude oil pipeline in Minnesota, including Enbridge's proposed Line 3 “replacement”; and the right of sovereign nations to determine what construction projects take place in their respective territories.

27. DFL expects our elected officials and endorsed candidates to support responsible projects including iron, copper, nickel and precious metals projects that meet Minnesota’s high standards for protecting the environment.

Public Safety and Crime Prevention
28. Minnesota should prioritize and invest in resources to address sexual harassment in all settings where it occurs. Investment includes, but is not limited to prevention measures, training, multiple options for reporting, responsiveness to complaints, and support for bystander intervention processes.

Retirement Security
29. The DFL asks its federal delegation to fully fund the Social Security program by adjusting the FICA tax and elevating the FICA wage cap. Further, the annual benefits adjustment should be based on Consumer Price Index for the Elderly (CPI-E) to more accurately reflect expenses faced by the elderly.

Transportation
30. The DFL supports passage by the Minnesota Legislature of a comprehensive transportation funding package that will generate new economic development opportunities throughout the state, help retain and attract a talented workforce, create jobs, and keep Minnesota economically competitive; and, be it further resolved that the state legislature fund Minnesota’s transportation and transit needs with long-term, gimmick free funding - without competing with other dedicated funding streams for other state needs, such as education, health care, economic development, etc.