

MINNESOTA DFL RESOLUTION FORM
(Submit one resolution per form and one subject per resolution)

The State DFL Ongoing Platform embodies the principles of the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party. The State DFL Action Agenda is a set of recommended public policy positions which the party supports and will promote during the next two years. This form must be completely filled out for a resolution to be considered.

Congressional District:	Organizing Unit:	Precinct:
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Proposed by: _____ (Name) _____ (City) _____ Contact Phone # / E-mail

This resolution should be considered under the following category: **[check one]**

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| <input type="radio"/> Agriculture & Food | <input type="radio"/> Media & Internet Issues |
| <input type="radio"/> Business & Community Development | <input type="radio"/> National Security & International Policy |
| <input type="radio"/> Civil, Human & Constitutional Rights | <input type="radio"/> Natural Resources & the Environment |
| <input type="radio"/> Consumer Issues | <input type="radio"/> Public Safety & Crime Prevention |
| <input type="radio"/> Education | <input type="radio"/> Retirement Security |
| <input type="radio"/> Energy | <input type="radio"/> Tax & Budget Policy |
| <input type="radio"/> Government Accountability to the Public | <input type="radio"/> Transportation |
| <input checked="" type="radio"/> Health & Human Services | <input type="radio"/> Veterans Affairs |
| <input type="radio"/> Labor & Employment | <input type="radio"/> Local or Party Issues |

Individuals at their precinct caucuses can submit resolutions. When a majority of the caucus adopts a resolution, it advances to the Organizing Unit convention for consideration to send to the State Platform, Issues, and Legislative Affairs Committee. Resolutions having support from at least five Organizing Units drawn from at least two Congressional Districts may be selected for consideration at the State Convention (for inclusion in the DFL Ongoing Platform or Action Agenda).

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: *(Please print or attach your resolution here. Be concise and use everyday language.)*

Resolution Supporting Strong, Stable Community Based Services for People with Disabilities in order to promote Independence and Choice

BE IT RESOLVED, the state should prioritize individuals with disabilities and the staff that support them when setting state spending and policy.

You may add a brief explanation or your two or three strongest supportive points here.

- WHEREAS, Home and Community-Based Services provide people with disabilities opportunities to be more independent in the community and build strong relationships, and develop strong job skills in order to secure employment; and
- WHEREAS, Community living is a more cost-effective and dignified way to support people than institutional settings; and
- WHEREAS, Best Life Alliance supporters are leading reforms that promote choice, independence and individualized options for people with disabilities; and
- WHEREAS, Achieving these reforms requires a skilled caregiver/Direct Support Professional workforce; and
- WHEREAS, Direct care staff perform many highly-skilled, complicated, and critical supports that may include medication management, help with essential personal care, skills coaching, monitoring high medical needs, and understanding technologies and special equipment people use daily; and
- WHEREAS, Retaining consistent, trusted staff is crucial to quality care; and
- WHEREAS, A decade of deep cuts and stagnation in funding has hindered the ability to adequately compensate direct care staff and caregivers, leading to high staff turnover; and
- WHEREAS, Important reforms to the rate setting system are needed to boost wages and benefits for these essential care workers and help to ensure a more stable, quality work force for supporting people with disabilities. NOW THEREFORE,

To be filled out at the Precinct Caucus:

This resolution was: Adopted Defeated