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

- Agriculture & Food
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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 those essential care workers and help to ensure a more stable, quality workforce for supporting people with disabilities. NOW THEREFORE.

To be filled out at the Precinct Caucus:

This resolution was: ☐ Adopted ☐ Defeated

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