

Democratic Party of Wisconsin 2021 Resolutions

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1 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING JUSTICE, HUMAN CONCERNS, AND DEMOCRACY**

2 **21-JHD-01: REFORM OF EXCESSIVE USE OF POLICE FORCE (99 WORDS)**

3 WHEREAS, on August 23rd, 2020 a Kenosha Police Officer shot Jacob Blake in the back seven times in front of his
4 children;

5 WHEREAS, the shooting was a display of an abuse of power that is consistent within Wisconsin police departments
6 during interactions with people of color;

7 WHEREAS, citizens have a responsibility to stand up in peaceful protest against racism and police brutality;

8 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW calls for statewide reform to address the excessive use of force by police
9 departments and for the Kenosha police officers involved in paralyzing Jacob Blake to be brought to justice and held
10 accountable.

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12 **21-JHD-02: REQUIRING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS TO WEAR BODY CAMERAS (72 WORDS)**

13 WHEREAS, there were 1,021 fatal shootings involving law enforcement in 2020 nationwide;

14 WHEREAS, only five states have passed laws requiring officers to wear some form of recording device while on duty;
15 and,

16 WHEREAS, worn body cameras increase accountability among law enforcement and decreases abuses on duty;

17 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW urge the state legislature to pass measures requiring that some form of
18 recording device be used by all officers on duty.

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20 **21-JHD-03: PROHIBITION OF GUNS IN THE STATE CAPITOL AND OTHER PUBLIC SPACES (91 WORDS)**

21 WHEREAS, in multiple states, armed terrorist groups raided capitols to intimidate or harm lawmakers;

22 WHEREAS, the state capitol, as well as the working premises for public officials, are regularly visited by children or
23 individuals with stress-related illnesses; and,

24 WHEREAS, the presence of firearms is intimidating and does not promote free and open debate;

25 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW calls on legislators to work in the interest of safety and civility in banning the
26 presence of weapons in the state capitol and the working premises of public officials, except where required by
27 occupation.

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29 **21-JHD-04: ENACT RED FLAG LAWS FOR COMMON SENSE GUN REFORM (85 WORDS)**

30 WHEREAS, 600 Wisconsinites died from firearm-involved suicides and homicides in 2019;

31 WHEREAS, it is crucial for the safety of our citizens that common sense gun reform measures be enacted to curb
32 firearm deaths; and,

33 WHEREAS, Red Flag Laws would empower law enforcement officials and families to petition state courts to remove
34 all firearms from the possession of individuals whose psychological condition render them dangers to themselves
35 and/or members of the community;

36 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW urge the state legislature to enact Red Flag Laws.

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38 **21-JDH-05: ENACT COMMON SENSE GUN REGULATION (70 WORDS)**

39 WHEREAS, Americans have witnessed mass shootings across the nation; and,

40 WHEREAS, some pro-gun organizations oppose reasonable legislation to protect citizens from being killed by civilian
41 owned high-powered weapons;

42 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports legislation restoring the ban on assault rifles and high-capacity
43 magazines that expired in 2004; requiring background checks for all gun purchases and ownership transfers; and
44 requiring that all stolen and lost guns be reported to the police.

1 **21-JHD-06: RESTORING VOTING RIGHTS FOR PEOPLE ON PROBATION AND PAROLE (74 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, the right to vote is fundamental to our nation’s democracy and should be guaranteed to every citizen;
3 WHEREAS, Wisconsin currently has ~68,000 formerly incarcerated people on probation/parole who are denied the
4 right to vote;
5 WHEREAS, Wisconsin has tremendous racial disparities in incarceration rates; and,
6 WHEREAS, preventing formerly incarcerated people from voting contributes to the racial divide polarizing our
7 country;
8 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that voting rights be restored to felons immediately upon release from incarceration.

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10 **21-JHD-07: RESOLUTION ABOUT EQUAL ACCESS TO VOTING (98 WORDS)**

11 WHEREAS, the fundamental right to vote and bans on racial discrimination is delineated in U.S. Constitutional
12 Amendments 14 and 15, and subsequent Voting Rights Acts in 1965 and 2002;
13 WHEREAS, voter suppression has still ensued taking the form of insufficient numbers of polling places, voter purges,
14 requiring particular ID’s, and restricting of early voting and absentee ballots; and,
15 WHEREAS, a pandemic created a health risk to voters at crowded polling places;
16 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW supports equal ballot access by preventing voter purges, requiring sufficient
17 numbers of polling places, continued access to early voting, and absentee ballots.

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19 **21-JHD-08: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF NON-PARTISAN REDISTRICTING (75 WORDS)**

20 WHEREAS, gerrymandering allows politicians to choose their constituents rather than voters choosing their
21 representatives;
22 WHEREAS, gerrymandering suppresses voter turnout in non-competitive districts;
23 WHEREAS, gerrymandering encourages hyper-partisanship;
24 WHEREAS, gerrymandering has stronger negative impacts on Black, Indigenous, and other communities of color;
25 and,
26 WHEREAS, gerrymandering perpetuates minority rule, defying the will of the people;
27 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW supports an impartial, non-partisan redistricting process for all elected state
28 and federal offices in the State of Wisconsin.

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30 **21-JHD-09: FAIR MAPS FOR ALL (55 WORDS)**

31 WHEREAS, gerrymandering has been detrimental to Wisconsin voters; and,
32 WHEREAS, the DPW supports equal value for all votes;
33 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the members of the DPW direct the members of the Democratic Legislative Caucus to
34 continue to press for passage of legislation requiring a non-partisan redistricting process in the legislative session of
35 2021 and 2022.

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37 **21-JHD-10: CENSUS DATA AND ORDER OF REDISTRICTING PROCESS (100 WORDS)**

38 WHEREAS, census data is required in a timely fashion for completion of redistricting;
39 WHEREAS, the redistricting order was reversed in 2011, ignoring municipal and county district lines, causing added
40 expense and confusion;
41 WHEREAS, Republicans seek to delay release of Census data to cities and counties;
42 WHEREAS, the DPW recognizes the importance of municipal and county lines;
43 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW asks members of the Democratic Legislative Caucus to support efforts requiring
44 release of Census data to cities and counties between June and July 2021; and,
45 FINALLY RESOLVED, develop legislation requiring adherence to municipal and county district lines during Wisconsin’s
46 redistricting process.

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21-JHD-11: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AUTOMATIC VOTER REGISTRATION (86 WORDS)

WHEREAS, voting is the cornerstone of our democracy;
WHEREAS, voting should be as accessible as possible to all eligible voters;
WHEREAS, nineteen states and the District of Columbia have adopted some form of Automatic Voter Registration (AVR) as of February 2021;
WHEREAS, under AVR, all eligible voters would be "opted in" unless they decide to "opt out," thereby making the registration process more efficient and accessible; and,
WHEREAS, AVR would drastically increase the number of registered voters;
THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that Wisconsin should adopt Automatic Voter Registration.

21-JHD-12: DACA (64 WORDS)

WHEREAS, DACA recipients were brought to the US by parents before their age of consent;
WHEREAS, DACA recipients make substantial contributions to the economy and culture of US;
WHEREAS, DACA recipients are among our best and brightest; and,
WHEREAS, DACA recipients deserve protection from deportation and a path to citizenship;
THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that DPW supports a re-issue of DACA and a path to citizenship.

21-JHD-13: REUNITING FAMILIES SEPARATED AT THE BORDER (60 WORDS)

WHEREAS, the U.S. separated nearly 5000 children from their parents;
WHEREAS, separating children from their family is inhumane;
WHEREAS, children are suffering extreme psychological distress;
WHEREAS, the government did no universal tracking of the children they took; and,
WHEREAS, we owe the families reparations for our inhumane treatment;
THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW supports all efforts to reunite separated families.

21-JDH-14: COUNTERACTING THE HARM OF CITIZENS UNITED (92 WORDS)

WHEREAS, the Citizens United decision has weakened the faith of Americans in the electoral process;
WHEREAS, corporate donations to secretive Super PACs have led to corruption or at least the appearance of corruption;
WHEREAS, various non-profit organizations have formed to disguise spending on political campaigns; and,
WHEREAS, the entire base of American political life hinges on faith in the vote;
THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports campaign finance reform that will reduce corporate influence, increase required disclosure of corporate donations to Super PACs and similar organizations, and move to public funding of campaigns.

21-JDH-15: UNIVERSAL HEALTHCARE (96 WORDS)

WHEREAS, people residing in the US deserve quality and affordable healthcare regardless of occupation, zip code, religion, income, age, gender, citizenship or sexuality;
WHEREAS, quality healthcare should be a human right, not a highly commoditized service, causing financial instability for many people;
WHEREAS, the United States of America is the only industrialized country in the world without universal healthcare; and,
WHEREAS, we as a people value life and dignity for all;

1 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW demands that the United States of America establish a system of universal
2 healthcare with the 2021 national budget and accompanying legislation.

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4 **21-JHD-16: LEGALIZE CANNABIS (54 WORDS)**

5 WHEREAS, numerous states have legalized cannabis for industrial, medical, or recreational use; and,
6 WHEREAS, the legalization of cannabis contributes to the economy, health, welfare, and civil rights of the citizens of
7 these states;

8 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW supports legislation legalizing the production, sale, and use of cannabis for
9 industrial, medical, and recreational use.

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11 **21-JHD-17: HIGH SPEED INTERNET ACCESS (85 WORDS)**

12 WHEREAS, there are many areas that have unaffordable or inadequate high-speed internet, or do not have access at
13 all;

14 WHEREAS, there are some communities where students have to travel to do their homework in parking lots just to
15 get access to Wi-Fi; and,

16 WHEREAS, access to high-speed internet is a critical economic issue for small businesses and industry as well as an
17 educational need;

18 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW supports expansion of broadband so that everyone has access to high-speed
19 and an affordable internet connection.

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21 **21-JHD-18: URGE CANDIDATES RUNNING FOR FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL OFFICE TO FOCUS ON DISABILITY ISSUES
22 (84 WORDS)**

23 WHEREAS, disability issues are rarely discussed when candidates run for office; and,

24 WHEREAS, disabled individuals bring a unique view to the table on topics such as transportation, health, voter
25 mobilization, economics, criminal justice, housing, and education;

26 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, we encourage qualified applicants with disabilities to apply for staffing jobs in offices of
27 elected officials;

28 FURTHER RESOLVED, we encourage people with disabilities to run for office; and,

29 FINALLY RESOLVED, that the DPW will urge our candidates to speak publicly on disability issues during their
30 campaigns.

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32 **21-JHD-19: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LGBTQ+ EQUALITY (96 WORDS)**

33 WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has a diverse Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer or Questioning
34 (LGBTQ+) community that contributes to the well-being of the State and its citizens;

35 WHEREAS, Wisconsin statutes do not reference gender identity;

36 WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin lacks statewide protections based on gender identity in antidiscrimination laws;

37 WHEREAS, the American Psychological Association reports harm from conversion therapy; and,

38 WHEREAS, conversion therapy is not banned statewide;

39 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports expanding discrimination protections to include gender identity; and,

40 FURTHER RESOLVED, that DPW supports banning conversion therapy for all citizens, regardless of age.

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42 **21-JHD-20: OPEN GOVERNMENT - THE LIGHT OF DAY (96 WORDS)**

43 WHEREAS, legislators are elected by the voters;

44 WHEREAS, voters need transparent voting records to make informed choices;

45 WHEREAS, government has turned into a body of smoke and mirrors;

1 WHEREAS, voice votes are virtually anonymous;
2 WHEREAS, legislative work done in the middle of the night excludes most of the public and even legislators; and,
3 WHEREAS, legislative sessions are recessed with no regard for incomplete work;
4 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that state and federal legislative bodies only vote by roll-call or electronic tally during
5 reasonable working hours that allow public input, and that sessions last until the work is done.

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7 **21-JHD-21: BRING IT TO A VOTE (93 WORDS)**

8 WHEREAS, the current system of passing legislation is controlled by four individuals in the State and Federal
9 chambers;

10 WHEREAS, every reasonable bill deserves a fair hearing;

11 WHEREAS, bills clearing a committee or legislative branch should get a vote for passage; and,

12 WHEREAS, leaders of each branch oversee the legislative process and are given the power to kill legislation
13 unilaterally;

14 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that majority party leaders in each branch be responsible for making a schedule and
15 holding a full chamber roll call vote on every piece of legislation that clears another chamber or committee.

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17 **21-JHD-22: INDIGENOUS SOVEREIGNTY (92 WORDS)**

18 WHEREAS, Wisconsin is home to the Ho-Chunk Nation, Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin, Oneida Nation, Forest County
19 Potawatomi, Bad River Band, Lac Courte Oreilles Band, Lac du Flambeau Band, and Red Cliff Band of Lake Superior
20 Chippewa, St. Croix Chippewa, Sokaogon Chippewa (Mole Lake), Stockbridge-Munsee, and Brothertown Nation; and,

21 WHEREAS, treaties between sovereign tribal governments and federal, state, and local governments have historically
22 not been honored, which has disrupted the cultural connection between tribes and their land;

23 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW acknowledges and respects tribal sovereignty, and commits to protect Indigenous
24 land and resources.

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26 **21-JHD-23: SAFE, AFFORDABLE HOUSING (92 WORDS)**

27 WHEREAS, safe, affordable housing is a human right;

28 WHEREAS, housing instability creates significant obstacles to accessing opportunities such as employment,
29 healthcare, education, and civil rights;

30 WHEREAS, affordable housing stock shortages have created an inaccessible housing market for many Wisconsinites
31 and unsafe overcrowding during the pandemic; and,

32 WHEREAS, eviction law unfairly disadvantages tenants, and an eviction on one's record hinders the ability to secure
33 future housing;

34 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports legislation and funding to improve housing quality through code
35 enforcement, increase availability of subsidized housing, and improve access to legal representation for tenants.

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37 **21-JHD-24: DATA RIGHTS (81 WORDS)**

38 WHEREAS, the human right to privacy includes data rights;

39 WHEREAS, the values of American democracy enshrine a life free from surveillance;

40 WHEREAS, our personal data reflects vital and sensitive information about our lives and its misuse can be
41 discriminatory and potentially life-threatening; and,

42 WHEREAS, our data is our private property and should not be bought or sold without our express permission;

43 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports broad protections on personal, biometric, and medical data from
44 unauthorized and unethical government or corporate use.

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1 **21-JHD-25: RESPONDING TO MAY 25TH ANNOUNCEMENT OF CENSUS BUREAU REFUSAL TO RELEASE RAW ERROR**
2 **CALCULATIONS: RELEASE ACCURATE CENSUS DATA (100 WORDS)**

3 WHEREAS, accurate and reliable census data is crucial for the political and economic operation of the United States;
4 WHEREAS, the US Census Bureau has announced plans to intentionally introduce hidden inaccuracies into the
5 Census as a means of protecting individual privacy;
6 WHEREAS, manipulation of census data by the Executive Branch without adequate oversight from the other
7 branches of government or the public represents a fundamental risk to democratic, academic, and economic
8 institutions in the US;
9 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW supports legislation requiring the release of raw, unaltered census data for
10 noncommercial purposes under conditions that would ensure individual privacy.

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12 **21-JHD-26: DEMOCRATS IN CONGRESS MUST CONVENE SELECT COMMITTEES ON 1/6 INSURRECTION (100 WORDS)**

13 WHEREAS, former President Trump and other Republicans encouraged an insurrection on January 6 to overturn a
14 fair election;
15 WHEREAS, this insurrection tried to disenfranchise the 1.63 million Wisconsinites that voted for Joe Biden for
16 President and Kamala Harris for Vice-President;
17 WHEREAS, this insurrection requires a full revelation of facts to carry out justice against these lawbreakers;
18 WHEREAS, Republicans are blocking a bipartisan 1/6 Commission because they fear people knowing these facts;
19 WHEREAS, Democrats control both houses of Congress;
20 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW urge House Speaker Pelosi and Senate Leader Schumer to convene Select
21 Committees to investigate the January 6 insurrection.

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

24 **21-ELE-01: PUBLIC SCHOOL FUNDING (49 WORDS)**

25 WHEREAS, an informed populace is critical to a well-functioning democracy; and,
26 WHEREAS, adequate public funding is vital for quality public schools;
27 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, all public funds dedicated to education should be used for developing, maintaining, and
28 improving public education; and,
29 FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin voucher program be abolished.

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31 **21-ELE-02: SUPPORT THE PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE (PRO) ACT (100 WORDS)**

32 WHEREAS, 65% of Americans approve of labor unions, the highest it has been since the early 2000s;
33 WHEREAS, under our current labor law, many employers intimidate and coerce workers, and when they resort to
34 illegal tactics such as firing workers for organizing, they incur no monetary penalties;
35 WHEREAS, the PRO Act helps restore workers' ability to organize and negotiate for better pay, benefits, and fairness
36 on the job; and,
37 WHEREAS, the PRO Act promotes greater racial economic justice because unions and collective bargaining brings
38 greater fairness to the workplace;
39 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports the passage of the PRO Act.

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41 **21-ELE-03: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A \$15 MINIMUM WAGE, ASAP (90 WORDS)**

42 WHEREAS, \$15/hour is barely considered a living wage;
43 WHEREAS, \$7.25/hour supports a very meager quality of life and impedes the ability to contribute to the economy in
44 a meaningful way;
45 WHEREAS, higher wages will stimulate the economy through increased consumer spending, and tax revenue;

1 WHEREAS, the number of people living in poverty is over 10%, while a \$15/hour minimum wage would decrease
2 that number dramatically; and,
3 WHEREAS, \$15/hour minimum wage provides a starting point for advancing a living wage standard;
4 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that DPW supports an immediate increase to \$15/hour.
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6 **21-ELE-04: REPLACING CORPORATE WELFARE WITH ONE FAIR WAGE (99 WORDS)**

7 WHEREAS, Wisconsin remains a state allowing tipped workers to be paid a sub-minimum, \$2.33 wage;
8 WHEREAS, employees paid sub-minimum wages often rely on public assistance, resulting in corporate welfare as
9 Wisconsin subsidizes businesses paying less than living wages;
10 WHEREAS, employers provided with incentives to pay the full minimum wage plus tips to all of their employees
11 would benefit families and taxpayers across the state;
12 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports legislation to return sales tax on served food and beverages to businesses
13 with customarily tipped employees which pay all of their employees at least the prevailing Wisconsin minimum wage
14 plus tips.
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16 **21-ELE-05: RESOLUTION ABOUT CHALLENGES OF DIGITAL DIVIDE AND INADEQUATE BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE**
17 **(97 WORDS)**

18 WHEREAS, 95% of urban Wisconsin residents and only 63% in rural counties have access to broadband with low-
19 income residents having even less access;
20 WHEREAS, broadband is critical for economic development, businesses well-being, rural entrepreneurship, increased
21 farm profits, telehealth and education; and,
22 WHEREAS, some improvements in Wisconsin digital divide were made, the experiences of COVID-19 and resulting
23 movements to telecommuting for many workers and online learning for both K-12 and higher education
24 demonstrates major work needs to be done;
25 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, Wisconsin must prioritize strategies/budget to develop infrastructure needed for inclusive
26 access and close the gap on affordability.
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28 **21-ELE-06: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE SYSTEM (98 WORDS)**

29 WHEREAS, Wisconsin has more than 350,000 uninsured citizens and a vastly greater number of underinsured; and,
30 WHEREAS, Wisconsin per capita health expenditure are higher than neighboring states while its health care results
31 are only middling;
32 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports moving toward a single-payer system, such as Medicare for All, which
33 would build on our existing diverse mix of providers – private, public, for-profit, nonprofit – and would realize cost
34 savings through bulk purchasing of prescription drugs, standardizing reimbursement rates for hospitals, doctors, and
35 other providers, and have the scale and administrative transparency to minimize wasteful marketing and
36 administrative costs.
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38 **21-ELE-07: MEDICAID PERSONAL NEEDS ALLOWANCE (95 WORDS)**

39 WHEREAS, the Personal Needs Allowance for Medicaid recipients residing in long-term care facilities is the monthly
40 sum of money they may retain from their personal income;
41 WHEREAS, this allowance is all that is available to obtain clothing and shoes, and to cover the cost of telephone,
42 television, internet, a meal out, cards to send family, reading materials, hobbies, etc.; and,
43 WHEREAS, the PNA in Wisconsin is among the lowest at \$45 with other states allowing up to \$200;
44 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports increasing the PNA to a minimum of \$100 and implementing annual
45 automatic increases.
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1 **21-ELE-08: RESOLUTION TO OFFSET THE UW SYSTEM TUITION FREEZE (95 WORDS)**

2 WHEREAS, college should remain affordable for all students;
3 WHEREAS, the UW system has not been allowed to raise tuition since 2013;
4 WHEREAS, the UW system has had no income stream for paying for rising costs; and,
5 WHEREAS, the UW system is facing serious challenges paying for educational services;
6 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the Wisconsin State Budget must increase funding to the UW System to pay for the
7 increasing budgetary shortfall caused by the tuition freeze; and,
8 FURTHER RESOLVED, the UW system should not rely only on a tuition freeze to keep costs at the UW system
9 affordable.

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11 **21-ELE-09: SUPPORT THE DEFENSE SPENDING REDUCTION CAUCUS (100 WORDS)**

12 WHEREAS, Representatives Pocan and Lee created Congress's Defense Spending Reduction Caucus stating "Our
13 Pentagon spending is growing more rapidly than needed with abundant waste and endless wars. With this new
14 caucus, we hope to lead Congress in decreasing and redirecting the defense budget.";
15 WHEREAS, Senator Baldwin, Representatives Moore and Pocan voted to reduce the defense budget but saw their
16 efforts defeated by influence of military contractors (Military Industrial Complex);
17 WHEREAS, the Milwaukee County Board passed a Resolution to cut military spending;
18 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports the Defense Spending Reduction Caucus in Congress and asks our entire
19 Congressional Delegation to join.

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21 **21-ELE-10: CARE ECONOMY (99 WORDS)**

22 WHEREAS, everyone should be able to earn a living and care for their loved ones without having to choose between
23 their livelihood, health and safety, and family;
24 WHEREAS, families with qualified childcare thrive, allowing more parents to enter the workforce and benefiting
25 children with early education; and,
26 WHEREAS, investments in care work boost the economy, lift families and children out of poverty, and address
27 systemic inequities in the care economy made worse by COVID-19;
28 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW support investments in the care economy that would make certified, home and
29 community-based caregivers available to every Wisconsin family that requests it.

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32 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

33 **21-AGE-01: CLEAN ENERGY TRANSITION (88 WORDS)**

34 WHEREAS, global warming is a significant threat to the future of all life on the planet;
35 WHEREAS, nearly 100% of scientists agree human caused global warming is real; and,
36 WHEREAS, we have the knowledge and resources to reduce this significant threat;
37 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW urges our local, state, and national government to support climate change
38 mitigation strategies, including capping carbon emissions, promoting sustainable growth, energy conservation, wind,
39 solar and other renewable energy development, and requiring utilities to accept solar and other clean energy sources
40 without prejudice.

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42 **21-AGE-02: INCREASE ALTERNATIVE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN RURAL COMMUNITIES (100 WORDS)**

43 WHEREAS, all people require access to transportation;
44 WHEREAS, small rural communities lack public transportation options;
45 WHEREAS, rural residents require transportation to and from surrounding communities to access essential services,
46 healthcare, education and employment;

1 WHEREAS, driving may not be possible for the elderly, disabled, or lower income residents;
2 WHEREAS, transportation alternatives provide on-demand service and other options beyond fixed-route public mass
3 transit that improves quality of life, increases opportunity, and triggers economic growth; and,
4 WHEREAS, federal and state funding is available for rural transportation alternatives;
5 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports expansion by counties and municipalities of alternative transportation in our
6 rural communities.

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8 **21-AGE-03: CLIMATE CHANGE AS A NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUE (98 WORDS)**

9 WHEREAS, the Department of Defense has categorized the effects of climate change as a major risk;
10 WHEREAS, the effects of climate change have, and will continue progressing to a point of no return;
11 WHEREAS, the legislators and members of government owe a debt to future generations to guarantee a habitable
12 world to live; and,
13 WHEREAS, there is no other Earth to move to;
14 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW calls on federal legislators to treat the threat climate change presents as an
15 emergency related to national security, providing the funding and attention to appropriately combat this present and
16 future danger.

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18 **21-AGE-04: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE CRISIS AND PURSUING ENVIRONMENTAL
19 JUSTICE (96 WORDS)**

20 WHEREAS, climate change is the greatest challenge of our time and 97% scientists agree human activity from
21 greenhouse gas emissions/fossil fuels has warmed the planet causing detrimental effects of extreme weather events;
22 WHEREAS, we must stabilize global temperatures by moving to renewable energy sources; and,
23 WHEREAS, funding is needed in rural communities to create climate change action plans and pass resolutions at local
24 county boards;
25 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports Wisconsin being carbon free by 2050 and the implementation of 100%
26 clean energy strategies/economy supporting sustainable jobs dedicated to renewable energy through policy, practice
27 and innovation.

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29 **21-AGE-05: RESOLUTION ABOUT AGRICULTURAL MONOPOLIES AND FAMILY FARMS (95 WORDS)**

30 WHEREAS, family farms are at the core of our nation's food security system and provide the best protection for our
31 soil and water resources;
32 WHEREAS, family farms have been decimated by low and volatile prices for agriculture commodities; and,
33 WHEREAS, monopoly agribusiness corporations like Cargill, Bunge, and ADM dominate markets and keep prices to
34 farmers low for commodities and high for agricultural inputs;
35 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW calls on Congress to thoroughly investigate the anti-trust and monopoly
36 practices of the largest agriculture industries by supporting Sen. Klobuchar's Competition and Antitrust Law
37 Enforcement Reform Act.

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39 **21-AGE-06: OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSED BACK-FORTY METALLIC SULFIDE MINE THAT WOULD LEAD TO A CASCADE
40 OF TOXIC OPEN-PIT MINING IN NORTHERN WISCONSIN (100 WORDS)**

41 WHEREAS, metallic mining projects result in negative long-term impacts to water from leaching acid-producing toxic-
42 wastes;
43 WHEREAS, the Back-Forty-Mine would have negative environmental and economic impacts on the Menominee River
44 and Lake Michigan;
45 WHEREAS, the Back-Forty-Mine would result in the Wausau-Reef and Medford-Bend mines, of which the same
46 company owns the mineral rights to and has committed to simultaneously develop;

1 WHEREAS, other mineral deposit locations around Wisconsin would suffer the same negative environmental and
2 economic losses;

3 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW and candidates make statements opposing the development of the Back-Forty-
4 Mine a central part of their platforms and messaging in every campaign.

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7 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING PARTY GOVERNANCE**

8 **21-PG-01: MEMBERSHIP GROWTH (100 WORDS)**

9 WHEREAS, protecting our rights under the current right-wing agenda will require educating, organizing, and
10 mobilizing the citizenry into resistance;

11 WHEREAS, Wisconsin is continuing to face our own ALEC onslaught of anti-worker, anti-environment and regressive
12 policies from Madison;

13 WHEREAS, electing compassionate and progressive candidates at the national, state, and local levels will require
14 increased involvement of Democrats;

15 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW understands the importance of increasing membership and will provide
16 practical support to County Parties; and that ALL Counties commit to grow by 25%, and reach a minimum
17 membership of 1% of the Democratic 2020 presidential vote by November 2022.