

DFL57 proposed resolutions for 2022

Numbers correspond to numbers on the voting sheet. Our unit can send up to 30 resolutions to the state committee, provided each gain 60 percent support. Not voting on a resolution is the same as voting “no.”

Agriculture, Food, and Land Stewardship

1 Increase Protection for Election Workers:

Be it resolved that the state of Minnesota increase protection for election administrators, workers, judges, and officials; prohibit harassment and threats to election administrators, workers, judges, and officials; and enact statutory penalties and fines for individuals and organizations that seek to promote, influence, and prevent the training, execution, tabulation, and recounting of election procedures and results by election administrators, judges, officials, and workers in carrying out their constitutional mandated electoral responsibilities. *Submissions: 1*

2 Reduce Pesticides: Support policies to reduce or eliminate the use of unsafe pesticides such as cancer-causing glyphosate and neonicotinoids – which harm pollinators – in agriculture, recreational land, and lawns. *Submissions: 4*

3 Replace Loon with Common Coot: Be it resolved heretofore and hereafter and thusly stated to the affirmative that the State of Minnesota put in place as its state bird the Common Coot (*Fulica atra*) in place of the Common Loon (*Gavia immer*), verily I say unto you as it is said so shall it be done. So say one, so say all. *Submissions: 1*

4 Sustainable Agriculture: Support funding for research, technical assistance, and education to rapidly implement regenerative farming, establish perennial crops, rotational grazing, cover crops, and no-till farming, to invest in rural communities and our food and farming system, conserve and build healthy soils, clean our water, sequester carbon and bolster farm income. *Submissions: 5*

Civil, Human, and Constitutional Rights

5 Abortion Protection: We call on state and federal officials to ensure that every Minnesotan have access to safe, legal, affordable abortion services. *Submissions: 1*

6 End of Life Options: The DFL party affirms that terminally-ill adults should have a full range of end-of-life options, including medical aid in dying, permitting mentally competent Minnesotans to make the best end-of-life decisions for them and their families. *Submissions: 2*

7 ERA Urgency to US & MN Constitution: The Minnesota DFL will demonstrate its support for banning discrimination on the basis of gender/sex by aggressively advocating for removal of the deadline for ratification to the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) and for passage of legislation to put an Equal Rights Amendment onto the Minnesota State Constitution. *Submissions: 1*

8 Repeal Minnesota’s Anti-Boycott Laws: “Minnesota’s anti-boycott laws, Minnesota Statutes 3.226 and 16C.053, are violations of the First Amendment and must be repealed. *Submissions: 1*

9 Restore the Vote: Minnesota should pass legislation to allow people who have served their time and are living in their community to vote. *Submissions: 2*

10 Rights of Nature: All waters and wetlands in Minnesota have a right to exist, flow, and be protected against harm. Government entities or citizens shall have standing to bring an action against any entity who intentionally or negligently damages waters and wetlands in Minnesota. *Submissions: 4*

11 Support for Missing and Indigenous Women: Support funding and implementation of programs at the state level to end exploitation of missing and murdered indigenous women. *Submissions: 2*

12 Support Voting Rights for every citizen: The DFL party calls on every candidate, Congressperson, PAC, state and national party to dedicate themselves, their time, their donations, and their unique skills to the most crucial issue of our time, that of working for passage of voting rights for every citizen and the banishment of barriers to voting. *Submissions: 1*

Community Development and Local Businesses

13 Senior Housing: The Minnesota legislature should pass legislation that subsidizes communities so that their seniors can affordably live in their own homes, if they so desire, with ample consideration given to rising energy and maintenance costs and tax liabilities and second, pass legislation subsidizing communities to ensure through public/private partnerships the proper design, development, maintenance, and oversight of alternative retirement communities for seniors that so desire that lifestyle. *Submissions: 1*

Consumer Protection

14 Toxic Substances: Support the reduction or banning of toxic and carcinogenic substances, such as harmful PFAS chemicals, in consumer goods, and require newly-developed similar substances to be proven safe before widespread manufacture and use. *Submissions: 4*

15 Waste Reduction: Develop and deploy a comprehensive policy to make available and maximize the expected use life, facilitate efficient repair, reuse, and recycling of manufactured products. Minimize the use and maximize recycling of strategic materials. Promote widespread reduction, usage, or composting of food waste. *Submissions: 4*

Corporate and Business Accountability to the Public

16 Electric Co-Ops: Support legislative oversight of Minnesota's member-owned electric cooperatives to improve transparency and ensure there is opportunity for input from members before key decisions are made that affect asset management, member payments, or climate impacts. *Submissions: 4*

Education

17 Education Amendment to the Minnesota Constitution: Be it resolved that Minnesotans should preserve in the state constitution a clear

obligation of the Legislature to fund public education, to maintain a uniform system of public schools and to direct its elected legislative leaders to address immediately the funding needs of our schools. *Submissions: 1*

18 Fully Fund Public Education: Be it resolved that political leaders in Minnesota find the courage and the political will to raise taxes on the wealthiest 1 percent and largest corporations and fully fund Minnesota's public schools. *Submissions: 1*

19 Universal Pre-K: Support school-based pre-kindergarten, taught by licensed professionals, being made available to all Minnesota four-year-olds. *Submissions: 1*

Energy and Climate

20 100% Clean Energy before 2050: Support a transition to a zero carbon economy. Mandate 100% carbon free electricity throughout Minnesota by 2030 and meet or exceed "net zero" carbon emissions by 2050. Support a massive shift in electricity generation towards a future powered by wind, solar, storage, and a modern electrical grid that will power our homes, businesses, and transportation. *Submissions: 6*

21 Electric School Buses for Minnesota: School Boards in Minnesota Public School Districts will plan to replace diesel fueled school buses with electric school buses by seeking funds from grants; urging district transportation providers to replace diesel buses with electric buses, and supporting the construction of Electric Vehicle infrastructure on contingent district properties (cities, counties, electric companies etc). *Submissions: 1*

22 Green New Deal: Support a Green New Deal to provide an equitable energy future in which all Minnesotans, especially in front-line and under served communities, can reap the health and economic benefits of efficiency programs, renewable electricity, and clean energy jobs. *Submissions: 4*

23 No new fossil fuel infrastructure: Mandate the calculation of climate impacts including external and social costs of carbon, for all new infrastructure projects; limit funding or deny permits for high impact projects and incentivize those with the lowest carbon footprint; remove existing fossil fuel-based infrastructure as quickly as possible. *Submissions: 4*

Government Accountability to the Public

24 Mining Conflict of Interest: Support eliminating the conflict of interest between mineral regulation and promotion in the Department of Natural Resources by reassigning responsibility for development and economic analysis of state minerals to the Department of Employment and Economic Development. *Submissions: 14*

25 Oppose Rollbacks: Oppose any effort to circumvent or weaken state or federal environmental laws or protections involving administrative procedures and permitting. *Submissions: 4*

Health and Human Services

26 Get the Lead Out: Support the reduction of lead exposure in people and animals by eliminating lead in drinking water, investing in lead remediation in Minnesota homes and other locations, and banning the use of lead ammunition and fishing tackle. *Submissions: 4*

27 Health Is A Right: The Minnesota Congressional Delegation support legislation for government sponsored universal healthcare, wherein “universal” means all personal are fully covered for healthcare. *Submissions: 1*

28 Make Insulin Affordable/Available: The Minnesota legislature should enact legislation to make insulin accessible and affordable to everyone who uses insulin and to ensure that an emergency source on insulin is available and affordable more than once a year. *Submissions: 1*

29 Protect and Extend Medicare/Medicaid: The Minnesota Congressional delegation support legislation that would: Cap Medicare out-of-pocket costs for prescription drugs and insulin at \$2000/year; Including chiropractic services; Cover hearing aids, eyeglass, and dental services

at a level at least comparable with private dental insurance under Medicare. *Submissions: 1*

30 Single-payer Universal Health Care Legislation: “Because health care is a human need, the Minnesota DFL Party supports the proposed Minnesota Health Plan (currently SF 1643 / HF 1774), a comprehensive, affordable, universal health care system in which you keep your doctor and get the same or better care at lower cost because money is saved by cutting the administrative waste of multiple health insurance companies which have high billing and marketing costs and CEO salaries. Furthermore, the DFL Party supports enactment of the national Medicare for All of 2021 HR 1976.” *Submissions: 2*

31 Water infrastructure: Support upgrading our failing public water infrastructure: water treatment plants and the piping to supply public water, sewage, and storm water to assure safe drinking water and to protect aquatic ecosystems from pollution. *Submissions: 7*

Labor and Employment

32 Strengthen Refinery Safety: The DFL Party supports strengthening refinery workforce safety and skills through construction trades registered apprenticeship programs. *Submissions: 3*

33 Strong Unions: Be it resolved that Minnesota unites in a belief that our state can remain a place where everyone is able to live a secure, healthy and happy life; where all workers have the freedom to join together in strong unions to build a brighter future for our families and our communities. *Submissions: 1*

Media, Internet, and Information

34 Broadband: The Minnesota legislature and Congress should fund and support implementation and expansion of affordable broadband statewide. (1) by providing stable multi-year funding. (2) by eliminating corporate-monopoly sponsored restrictions, obstacles and preemptions. (3) by encouraging municipalities and, (4) by requiring all government-subsidized installers to go “the last mile” ensuring that every Minnesotan has access to today’s and tomorrow’s technology and that no one is left behind. *Submissions: 2*

Natural Resources and the Environment

35 Prove It First: Support a moratorium banning copper-nickel sulfide mining in Minnesota's watersheds until it is proven first to be safe in water-rich environments. This will protect some of America's greatest treasures including but not limited to Lake Superior, the BWCAW, Voyageurs National Park, and the Mississippi River. *Submissions: 6*

36 Save the Boundary Waters: In order to protect the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and Voyageurs National Park, two of America's great natural treasures, from pollution, impairment, and destruction, we support the U.S. Forest Service application for a 20-year mining ban on public lands in the headwaters of the Boundary Waters and Voyageurs; legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives (HR 2794) and Minnesota Legislature (HF 840 and SF 763) to permanently ban sulfide-ore copper mining in the Boundary Waters watershed; and revision of Minnesota's nonferrous mining rules to ban sulfide-ore copper mining in the Boundary Waters watershed. *Submissions: 1*

Public Safety and Crime Prevention

37 Commonsense Gun Violence Prevention: Support common sense gun violence prevention measures to keep guns out of the hands of people who've proven themselves to be dangerous, including criminal background checks on all gun sales and extreme risk protection orders (often referred to as red flag laws). *Submissions: 1*

Retirement Security

38 Divestment: Support the continued divestment from fossil fuels funds by the Minnesota State Board of Investment to protect the pensions of Minnesota civil servants and educators from financial risk and to help move our economy to clean energy sources. *Submissions: 5*

39 Support passage Social Security Act 2021: The DFL support passage of the Social Security Act of 2021 (HR5723 & SF3071) and urge our Federal Senators & Representatives to sign on to and vote to support the Social Security Act of 2021. *Submissions: 1*

Transportation

40 Clean Transportation: Support development of sustainable public transportation, including mass transit, commuter rail, light rail, and buses, charging stations for electric vehicles, as well as viable options for pedestrians, bicycles, and other non-motorized transportation options. *Submissions: 5*

41 Specialized Transportation: Minnesota legislators and Minnesota's Congressional delegation should support increased funding for Specialized Transportation Services using vans, small buses, or taxis to provide essential transportation for those who have difficulty using traditional fixed-route services, especially for demand response service. The Minnesota legislature should fund pilot projects that are easy to use, affordable, and open to volunteer participation throughout the state, working with public and private entities to produce viable ride share options for seniors with and without disabilities. *Submissions: 1*