

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

RESOLUTION TITLE (limited to 5 words): Lifelong Education

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

The Minnesota legislative and congressional delegations support and encourage lifelong learning through adequately funded, publicly funded lifelong education with special emphasis on pre-K or earliest years. Community programs can engage retirees and foster their cognitive health. Lifelong learning is the “ongoing, voluntary, and self-motivated” pursuit of knowledge for either personal or professional reasons. Therefore, it not only enhances social inclusion, active citizenship, and personal development, but also self-sustainability, competitiveness, and employability.

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

Whereas: The United Nations acknowledged the importance of adult learning in facing the world’s development needs by including lifelong learning in the fourth of its 2015 Sustainable Development Goals: “Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all”. UNESCO 1972 Learning to Be and OECD Programme for the International Assessment of Adult Competencies (PIACC) study in 2013;

Whereas: Lifelong learners, including persons with academic or professional credentials, tend to higher-paying occupations, leaving monetary, cultural, and entrepreneurial impressions on communities, according to educator Cassandra B. Whyte;

Whereas: Alzheimer’s Society estimates that “exercising the brain may preserve it, forestalling mental decline. Encouraging community programs would lessen the strain on health care system and families of the elderly. As a society, we are living longer making cognitive health vitally important.

To be filled out at the Precinct Caucus:

This resolution was: **Adopted** **Defeated**