

1 **2008 DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF THE 2ND CD**

2 Resolutions forwarded to the DPW

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4 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**

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6 **08-AGE-01 Environmental Protection** (2nd CD – 76 Words)

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8 **WHEREAS**, Global Warming is already a recognized as an international problem, but it is only one of a
9 much broader range of environmental problems caused by the twin factors of increasing population
10 pressure, and the practice of governments, including the current Republican lead government in the
11 United States, to place corporate profits over environmental protection;

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13 **THEREFORE, RESOLVED**, DPW renew its efforts both nationally and internationally to control
14 population growth and place environmental protection over corporate profits.

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17 **08-AGE-02 Nelson-Knowles Stewardship Fund** (2nd CD – 72 Words)

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19 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin enjoys exceptional quality in its natural areas, many of which are increasingly
20 threatened by development, hindering Wisconsin's future development as a center for tourism, protection of
21 natural areas and outdoor recreation;

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23 **THEREFORE, RESOLVED**, DPW will seek bipartisan legislative support for expansion of the Nelson-Knowles
24 Stewardship Fund to acquire lands of environmental and recreational value, and resist efforts to sell any lands
25 already protected in order to help meet state budget needs.

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28 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

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30 **08-FA-01 Opposing Nuclear Weapons** (2nd CD – 94 Words)

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32 **WHEREAS**, a nuclear weapons free world is a long-overdue goal that enjoys bipartisan support among
33 citizens of the United States;

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35 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin voters overwhelmingly supported a nuclear weapons freeze referendum;

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37 **WHEREAS**, Complex Transformation will spend billions refurbishing our nuclear weapons contrary to the Non
38 Proliferation treaty which the U.S. ratified; and,

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40 **WHEREAS**, the spread of nuclear weapons is a grave threat facing our nation and world;

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42 **THEREFORE, RESOLVED**, the DPW calls upon our Congressional Delegation to defeat Complex
43 Transformation, to promote constructive policies to stop their proliferation, and work to eliminate all nuclear
44 weapons.

1 **08-FA-02 Fair Trade Not Free Trade** (2nd CD – 100 Words)

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3 **WHEREAS**, the Bush administration is urging new free trade agreements with Colombia, South Korea and
4 Panama, using the failed NAFTA model;

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6 **WHEREAS**, 3 million U.S. manufacturing jobs have been lost since 1994 as a direct result of that unfair
7 model; and,

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9 **WHEREAS**, these three new agreements continue the damaging pattern of threatening U.S. jobs, hurting
10 family farmers, depressing food and product safety standards, polluting our environment, limiting access to
11 affordable medicines, and favoring foreign over US corporations;

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13 **THEREFORE, RESOLVED**, the DPW opposes passage of any new free trade agreements based on the last
14 15 years of the failed NAFTA model.

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17 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING PARTY GOVERNANCE** - none

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

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21 **08-ELE-03 Fully Funding Wisconsin's Public Schools** (2nd CD – 100 Words)

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23 **WHEREAS**, Wisconsin schools have faced yearly budget deficits of 1.7%, causing cuts in school staff
24 and services and leading to hundreds of referendums, often failures;

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26 **THEREFORE, RESOLVED**, the DPW supports enacting new school finance reforms during the 2009-
27 2011 legislative session with the following key components: Funding levels based on the actual cost of
28 what is needed to provide an education for all students; State resources sufficient to satisfy state and
29 federal mandates, and to prepare all students for citizenship, post-secondary education, employment, or
30 service to their country; The "cost of education" should be financed based on a fair tax structure.

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

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35 **08-JHD-02 Repealing Section 13 of Article XIII of the Wisconsin Constitution, Wisconsin's**
36 **Constitutional Amendment Banning Gay Marriage and Civil Unions** (2nd CD – 96 Words)

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38 **WHEREAS**, the amendment has attracted exactly zero skilled workers to Wisconsin but has driven many
39 away, needlessly stunting the growth of Wisconsin's economy;

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41 **WHEREAS**, the amendment has strengthened or protected exactly zero marriages;

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43 **WHEREAS**, it is widely acknowledged that the amendment will eventually be removed, when the younger
44 and fairer generation is in the majority; and,

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46 **WHEREAS**, the amendment serves no purpose but to deny to a minority of Wisconsinites their inherent right
47 of the pursuit of happiness;

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49 **THEREFORE, RESOLVED**, the DPW calls upon the Wisconsin Legislature to begin the process of reversing
50 the amendment immediately.

1 **08-JHD-04 Supporting "Healthy Wisconsin: Your Choice, Your Plan"** (2nd CD – 98 Words)

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3 **WHEREAS**, half a million people in Wisconsin have no health insurance for at least part of the year;

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5 **WHEREAS**, the cost of health insurance is rising two to three times as fast as working families' income and
6 costs cannot be controlled in our current fragmented system; and,

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8 **WHEREAS**, the current system is broken, cannot be sustained, and cannot be fixed through incremental
9 reforms;

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11 **THEREFORE, RESOLVED**, the DPW enthusiastically and actively supports "Healthy Wisconsin: Your Choice,
12 Your Plan", a universal, affordable, and progressive health care plan which provides excellent health care to all
13 for less than we spend now.

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16 **08-JHD-06 Supporting Death with Dignity Legislation** (2nd CD – 84 Words)

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18 **WHEREAS**, the dying process can be long and painful for some persons with cancer and terminal illness;

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20 **WHEREAS**, all mentally competent, terminally ill people should have the right to choose a quicker and
21 painless death;

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23 **WHEREAS**, physicians should have the right to prescribe medications that alleviate suffering and hasten
24 death for their patients without fear for prosecution; and,

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26 **WHEREAS**, surveys by Wisconsin legislators have found that the majority of voters support death with
27 dignity legislation;

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29 **THEREFORE, RESOLVED**, the DPW supports death with dignity legislation.

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32 **8-JHD-07 Advocating Paper Ballots and Random Audits** (2nd CD – 79 Words)

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34 **WHEREAS**, voting systems should be transparent, recountable, and auditable;

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36 **WHEREAS**, voters increasingly distrust electronic voting machines with non-transparent software that may be
37 incorrect or corrupted; and,

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39 **WHEREAS**, optical scan systems, counting paper ballots marked by the voter, are recountable and auditable;

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41 **THEREFORE, RESOLVED**, the DPW actively supports legislation limiting future purchases of voting systems
42 to optical scan systems only, mandating random manual audits in all elections to verify the machine accuracy,
43 and requiring that recounts include some manual counts.

1 **08-JHD-09 SUPPORT THE "SHARE THE SACRIFICE ACT" (HR 3948) (the "Act")** (2nd CD – 100
2 Words)

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4 **WHEREAS**, the Bush-Cheney Administration has been doing everything possible to hide the human and
5 financial costs of the Iraq War;

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7 **WHEREAS**, the Administration immorally imposes nearly all sacrifice required for the War on military
8 personnel and their families and, by borrowing the War's financial costs, future generations of Americans; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, Representative Obey, Representative Baldwin and others have introduced the Act, to diminish the
11 Administration's immoral deception in War-financing by imposing sacrifice for the War on today's income-tax
12 payers, other than military personnel, through a progressive surtax to cover the War's current costs;

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14 **THEREFORE, RESOLVED**, the DPW supports the Act.