

1 **DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF WISCONSIN**
2 **2007 RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY**
3 **STATE CONVENTION ON JUNE 30, 2007**
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5 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**
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7 **07-AGE-01 Preservation of Family Farms** (2nd CD – 89 Words)
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9 WHEREAS, although only 4% of Americans are now involved in commercial farming, a vast number of families
10 still live on small family farms in rural communities and are the life-blood of the social and economic fiber of
11 those communities;
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13 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW advocates that families should be enabled to continue living on small
14 family farms as an important part of Wisconsin's historic social system through a combination of features
15 included in Senator Feingold's Rural Opportunities Act of 2007 and provision for elimination of subsidies
16 to large corporate farms.
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19 **07-AGE-02 Protecting Great Lakes** (7th CD – 97 Words)
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21 WHEREAS, the Great Lakes Basin and surrounding aquifer offers 20% of the world's fresh water;
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23 WHEREAS, sewage and other pollutants, such as pesticides and mercury, are routinely found in the Great
24 Lakes; and,
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26 WHEREAS, demand for fresh water is increasing and the states, tribes and Canadian provinces bordering the
27 Great Lakes have formed a compact to protect this aquifer;
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29 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW encourages any legislation to protect the Great Lakes from further
30 pollution and exploitation, including federally subsidized sewer infrastructure;
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the DPW opposes any efforts to sell or divert our fresh water.
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35 **07-AGE-03 Foster Renewable Energy** (7th and 8th CD – 100 Words)
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37 WHEREAS, rising energy costs and climate change caused by increasing greenhouse gases place a burden on
38 citizens, businesses and agriculture;
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40 WHEREAS, atmospheric accumulations of greenhouse gasses due to fossil fuels results in substantially altered
41 weather patterns and rising sea levels; and
42

43 WHEREAS, the development of industries which promote alternative energy and the use of locally grown fuels
44 would increase economic development, reduce dependence on foreign oil and production of green house
45 gases;
46

47 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports tax incentives and legislation that foster the manufacture and
48 implementation of renewable energy systems aimed at achieving 25% renewable energy use by 2025.

1 **07-AGE-04 Fluorescent Bulbs** (5th CD - 96 Words)

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3 WHEREAS, global warming resulting from the increasing use of energy is generally recognized as a serious
4 environmental problem; and,

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6 WHEREAS, implementing technologies that do not reduce function but do reduce energy use is a very
7 desirable form of energy reduction; and,

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9 WHEREAS, fluorescent lighting, including the new compact bulbs that fit into traditional incandescent bulb
10 fixtures, use much less energy than incandescent bulbs;

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12 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports legislation requiring Wisconsin municipal buildings to convert to
13 fluorescent lighting with recycling at their earliest convenience and encourage, by multiple means, citizens of
14 Wisconsin to do the same.

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17 **07-AGE-05 Global Warming** (1st , 2nd , and 8th CD – 100 Words)

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19 WHEREAS, the President has misled the public over the threat of global warming and has pressured Federal
20 scientists to eliminate "global warming" from their writing;

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22 WHEREAS, global warming has been established as a dire threat by the scientific community; and,

23
24 WHEREAS, the US hasn't accepted the Kyoto Protocol, etc., and hasn't enacted or enforced laws to prevent
25 environmental disturbances;

26
27 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW urges adoption of the recent European proposal and enacting legislation to
28 regulate tailpipe emissions, create "cap and trade" carbon emissions programs, and enact a corporate carbon
29 tax with dollars collected going toward the creation of renewable energy sources.

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32 **07-AGE-06 Global Warming and Renewable Energy** (3rd CD – 79 Words)

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34 WHEREAS, serious environmental damage occurs with the continued burning of fossil fuels;

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36 WHEREAS, alternative energy methods provide safe, clean alternatives to the burning of fossil fuels;

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38 WHEREAS, significant savings and environmental benefits are achieved through a focus on energy
39 conservation;

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41 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW supports the Governor's efforts to form a Global Warming Task Force
42 and supports legislative efforts to require the use the renewable energy, to limit gasses that contribute to
43 global warming and to encourage conservation.

1 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

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3 **07-FA-01 African Genocide** (5th CD – 77 Words)

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5 WHEREAS, the ethnic groups of the Western Sudan have experienced the daily horror of war, rape, beatings,
6 famine and disease;

7
8 WHEREAS, the Republican Administration has largely ignored any responsibility for ending this great tragedy;

9
10 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports the people of Darfur and requests that the administration, in
11 consultation with Congress, fully cooperate with the United Nations to take concerted action against Sudan to
12 halt all overt and covert aggression against the people of this region.

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15 **07-FA-06 On Ending our Occupation of Iraq** (3rd CD – 85 Words)

16
17 WHEREAS, the mounting casualties and mounting debt resulting from our unjustifiable and badly managed
18 invasion of Iraq has resulted in a majority of Americans now calling for an end of that war and bringing our
19 troops home;

20
21 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW insists that Congress legislate a planned withdrawal from Iraq, including
22 working with the UN and Iraq's neighbors to stabilize that war torn country and the region, provide
23 humanitarian aid to the refugees caused by the war, and facilitate needed reconstruction after our troops
24 leave.

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27 **07-FA-07 Out of Iraq Now** (2nd CD – 100 Words)

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29 WHEREAS, the Bush Administration lied us into war in Iraq;

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31 WHEREAS, that war is needlessly killing and maiming Americans, Iraqis and others; destroying families and
32 communities; bankrupting our nation; shredding our civil liberties; and costing us many friends we had in the
33 world;

34
35 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW demands the United States get the hell out of Iraq NOW! Now, now, now,
36 now,
37 now, now.

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40 **07-FA-08 American Internment Camps** (5th CD – 87 Words)

41
42 WHEREAS, one response to national security has been the creation of a number of camps to hold illegal aliens
43 in Texas;

44
45 WHEREAS, these camps have inadequate, substandard facilities, not only for individuals, but also for families;

46
47 WHEREAS, some individuals and families have been held in these camps for a number of months waiting for
48 disposition of their cases;

49
50 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW urges Congress to conduct hearings for the purpose of exposing and
51 eradicating the substandard conditions and to pass legislation to insure humane treatment and respect.

1 **07-FA-09 Nuclear Disarmament** (5th and 2nd CD – 97 Words)

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3 WHEREAS, in 2004 Senator John Kerry identified nuclear proliferation as the greatest threat to American
4 security;

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6 WHEREAS, the United States is obligated by the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty to negotiate for universal
7 nuclear disarmament, yet we are engaged in no such negotiations;

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9 WHEREAS, defense expert and former Democratic United States Senator Sam Nunn has endorsed “the goal of
10 a world free of nuclear weapons and working energetically on...that goal;”

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12 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW calls on all Democratic presidential candidates to address nuclear
13 disarmament in their campaigns and directs the State Chair to communicate this resolution to each candidate.
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16 **07-FA-10 Millennium Goals** (4th CD – 97 Words)

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18 WHEREAS, 189 nations, including the United States, in a United Nations Summit Meeting in 2000 agreed to
19 end extreme poverty by achieving the Millennium Development Goals by 2015; and,

20
21 WHEREAS, this global campaign is manifest in the United States as the ONE Campaign, i.e., a campaign to
22 increase poverty focused development assistance by an amount equal to ONE percent of the federal budget;

23
24 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW expresses support for ending global poverty, achieving the Millennium
25 Goals, and making the financial commitments in the federal budget consistent with the ONE Campaign.
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28 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING PARTY GOVERNANCE**

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30 **07-PG-01 Restoration of Regional Field Directors** (3rd and 7th CD – 97 Words)

31
32 WHEREAS, regional field directors (RFDs), hired by the DNC in 2005, were instrumental in Democratic
33 successes in 2006 by providing assistance to candidates and volunteers across the ticket;

34
35 WHEREAS, RFDs support put more candidates on ballots and built local campaign expertise that benefits
36 everyone from the top down;

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38 WHEREAS, an understanding of and immersion into local politics was key to the RFDs success;

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40 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW will recreate and support the RFD program, will raise funds for the
41 program, hire experienced homegrown RFDs and keep at least 4 RFDs in the field at all times.
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44 **07-PG-02 Primary Selection Reform Process** (4th CD – 99 Words)

45
46 WHEREAS, our selection process for democratic presidential candidates limits participation for the majority
47 of states, is media controlled, and prevents comprehensive exposure of candidate viewpoints;

48
49 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW petition the DNC to establish a task force to reformulate the 2012
50 Presidential Primary system, such that the party rank and file can be truly involved in the selection
51 process of all viable candidates by having a single, same day national caucus organized and controlled
52 by state party units with remaining delegates determined by each state, with imposed candidate
53 spending limits, but with party supported forums for candidate exposure.

1 **07-PG-03 Labor Resolution** (6th CD – 47 Words)

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3 WHEREAS, the US trade deficit continues to rise at an alarming rate; and,

4
5 WHEREAS, thousands of American jobs are being lost to foreign countries;

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7 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, by the DPW that all products being offered for sale at Democratic Party functions be
8 “union made” or “made in America.”

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

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13 **07-ELE-01 QEO** (1st CD – 93 Words)

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15 WHEREAS, education employee collective bargaining is limited and controlled by statute and administrative
16 code diminishing full exercise of their democratic and economic rights;

17
18 WHEREAS, education employees are the only public employees unable to keep up with the cost of living;

19
20 WHEREAS, QEOs are used to deny salary increases and withhold cost-of-living adjustments;

21
22 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW demands the repeal of laws restricting collective bargaining, especially
23 qualified economic offer requirements, laws and code restricting job action connected with collective
24 bargaining, and laws and code which limit the opportunity to bargain collectively in good faith.

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27 **07-ELE-03 Funding School Safety** (6th CD – 88 Words)

28
29 WHEREAS, the current funding and budget restrictions, state imposed levy caps, placed on local school boards
30 and municipalities restrict and prevent districts from providing school resource officers to individual schools;

31
32 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW urges the Wisconsin Legislature and the Governor to work
33 together with local school boards and law enforcement administrators to develop a comprehensive plan
34 to allow school boards and law enforcement agencies the ability to collectively address school safety
35 issues and to do so with funds that fall outside the existing tax levy restrictions.

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38 **07-ELE-04 Oppose No Child Left Behind (NCLB)** (7th CD – 92 Words)

39
40 WHEREAS, the NCLB Act was passed in 2001 to raise the achievement level of students, but has certainly
41 failed, and significant funding increases were promised, and yet it is only funded to 58%; that is, \$9 billion
42 underfunded; and,

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44 WHEREAS, NCLB has the misguided premise that one test can comprehensively assess a student's progress;
45 and,

46
47 WHEREAS, NCLB punishes school districts that fail to make Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) by redistributing
48 Title 1 funds away from direct instructional services to students;

49
50 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW does not support the re-authorization of NCLB.

1 **07-ELE-06 Repeal Bush's Tax Cuts Benefiting Those Earning More Than \$300,000 Per Year**
2 (8th CD – 90 Words)

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4 WHEREAS, the vast benefit of the Bush Administration tax-cuts in 2002 went to the wealthiest 1% of
5 the American population, helping to wipe out our budget surplus, increase the national debt, and
6 increase the income gap between rich and poor, while draining the resources for the essential needs of
7 the population;

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9 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW demand the repeal of the Bush Administration tax cuts, to fund
10 essential services, provide tax relief for low and middle income Americans, reduce the income disparity
11 between rich and poor, and reduce the national debt.

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14 **07-ELE-07 Taxation** (7th CD – 92 Words)

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16 WHEREAS, payment of necessary taxes should be based upon ability to pay;

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18 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, by the DPW that that the Bush administration's deficit causing tax cut is amended to
19 eliminate it for those earning over \$200,000; there be greater taxation of the huge "golden parachutes" of
20 departing corporate executives; increased taxation of their huge salaries, deferred salaries and other benefits;
21 no consideration be given to eliminating the estate tax, which is a fair and reasonable tax upon accumulated
22 wealth; and taxation upon corporate dividends be at the same rate as other income.

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25 **07-ELE-08 Social Security Taxation Equality** (8th CD – 89 Words)

26
27 WHEREAS, there is a broad consensus that Social Security taxes must continue to provide a minimum
28 retirement income that functions as a "safety net" for the aged, infirm, and less fortunate, and that
29 benefits therefore must be increased, to keep pace with inflation and not to be reduced; and,

30
31 WHEREAS, any increase in taxation to support continued Social Security benefits ought to be borne
32 proportionately in the same percentage of income for all;

33
34 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW believes that all earned income be made subject to Social Security
35 taxation.

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38 **07-ELE-09 Social Security** (7th CD – 65 Words)

39
40 WHEREAS, Social Security is one of the most successful social programs; and,

41
42 WHEREAS, Social Security is a benefit that retirees, survivors and disabled rely upon; and,

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44 WHEREAS, Social Security is the principal income for 2/3 of retirees, and for 1/3 of retirees, their only
45 income; and,

46
47 WHEREAS, privatization would weaken Social Security as we know it;

48
49 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW opposes privatization of Social Security.

1 **07-ELE-10 Eliminate Subsidies for Outsourcing** (7th CD – 73 Words)

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3 WHEREAS, many manufacturers and service providers choose to outsource production to other countries
4 while benefiting from tax breaks by our government; and,

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6 WHEREAS, employment in the United States has diminished, resulting in a reduction of wages and benefits for
7 the middle class;

8

9 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW support legislation that eliminates tax breaks or subsidies for
10 firms that outsource production to other countries such that it results in the loss of U.S. jobs.

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13 **07-ELE-11 Support Collective Bargaining** (8th CD – 94 Words)

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15 WHEREAS, recent Republican-backed legislation and Republican administration activities have weakened
16 the capacity of labor unions to organize and bargain collectively on behalf of workers; and,

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18 WHEREAS, strong unions are needed to ensure the rights of workers to fair and living wages, workplace
19 safety, and job security; and,

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21 WHEREAS, securing these worker rights strengthens the American middle-class, and reduces the
22 income disparity between the richest and the poorest Americans;

23

24 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW recognizes the importance of organized labor and supports
25 legislation which restores and enhances workers' rights to organize and bargain collectively with
26 employers.

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29 **07-ELE-12 Mass Transit/Passenger Rail** (5th CD – 100 Words)

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31 WHEREAS, improved passenger and commuter rail service benefits Wisconsin residents and the state's
32 economy;

33

34 WHEREAS, the Midwest Regional Rail Initiative (MRRRI) is a cooperative effort between nine Midwest states,
35 Amtrak and the federal government;

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37 WHEREAS, Wisconsin's MRRRI projects include upgrading passenger service from Milwaukee to Madison,
38 Madison to Minneapolis and Milwaukee to Green Bay;

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40 WHEREAS, METRA Commuter Rail Service should be extended from Kenosha to Milwaukee;

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42 WHEREAS, Light Rail Service should be established from Milwaukee to Waukesha and within the Madison
43 area;

44

45 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports all of the above commuter rail, mass transit and passenger rail
46 service projects.

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

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4 **07-JHD-01 Medicare Part D (1st CD – 74 Words)**

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6 WHEREAS, the Medicare Part D law does not allow negotiations for the prices; and,

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8 WHEREAS, the out-of-pocket cost is too high; and,

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10 WHEREAS, the process is too complicated;

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12 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW asks our Congressional representatives to work to make the following
13 changes: Government should negotiate the lowest prescription prices; the "dough nut hole" should be
14 removed and customer prescription drug prices should be lowered and private insurance companies be
15 eliminated from the program.

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18 **07-JHD-02 State Sponsored Prescription Drug Pool (1st CD – 71 Words)**

19
20 WHEREAS, Medicare Part D is prohibited from negotiating lower prescription costs; and,

21
22 WHEREAS, it will be left to the states to pass prescription reform; and,

23
24 WHEREAS, a state prescription drug pool incorporating government employees, state run health programs,
25 and private employers would be large enough to bargain for lower prescription prices,

26
27 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW urges state lawmakers to pass a state sponsored prescription drug
28 bargaining pool and support Healthy Wisconsin.

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31 **07-JHD-03 Resolution in Support of National Health Insurance (3rd CD – 95 Words)**

32
33 WHEREAS, nearly 50 million Americans have no health insurance and millions of other have inadequate
34 coverage; and,

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36 WHEREAS, approximately half of all US bankruptcies are caused by exorbitant medical costs; and,

37
38 WHEREAS, the US is the only developed nation in the world without government-sponsored universal health
39 insurance; and,

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41 WHEREAS, the private insurance model is designed to generate profits by insuring the relatively healthy,
42 forcing others into the ranks of the uninsured or government-funded programs;

43
44 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports adoption of a national health insurance system that includes
45 medical care, preventive care, and prescription drugs.

1 **07-JHD-04 Comprehensive Health Care** (6th CD – 96 Words)
2
3 WHEREAS, Wisconsin and our nation are facing a health care crisis due to rapidly increasing costs that is
4 putting quality health care out of reach for a majority of Americans; and,
5
6 WHEREAS, these increases are causing many employees to shift more costs to their employers thus affecting
7 the employee's standard of living; and,
8
9 WHEREAS, Wisconsin still had more than 500,000 residents who were uninsured for at least part of 2004;
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11 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, by the DPW that the Governor and the State Legislature adopt the Wisconsin Health
12 Care Partnership Plan introduced as SB698 in the 2005-2006 session.
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15 **07-JHD-05 Universal Health Care** (6th CD – 100 Words)
16
17 WHEREAS, the USA is the only Western industrial nation without a National Health Care System for all
18 citizens;
19
20 WHEREAS, 50 million Americans (including children) cannot afford health insurance and small businesses are
21 over-burdened by the cost of such insurance for their workers;
22
23 WHEREAS, Medicare and Medicaid currently offer coverage with lower overhead cost (2% as opposed to
24 15%) with more choices of doctors and hospitals;
25
26 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, by the DPW that Democratic legislators on federal, state, and local levels fight for
27 legislation to make the above agencies into our National Health Care System for all citizens from birth to
28 death.
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31 **07-JHD-06 Universal Health Care State Trials Bill, S. 3776** (1st CD – 75 Words)
32
33 WHEREAS, it is unlikely Congress will not pass universal health care for all in the near future; and,
34
35 WHEREAS, it will therefore be up to the states to implement universal health care in each state; and,
36
37 WHEREAS, Senator Russ Feingold introduced a bill to ensure high-quality health care coverage for uninsured
38 individuals through state health care initiatives;
39
40 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW urges lawmakers to pass Senator Feingold's Universal Health Care State
41 Trials bill, S. 3776.

1 **07-JHD-07 Health Care Reform** (3rd CD – 92 Words)

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3 WHEREAS, our concern for our neighbors compel us to demand health services for those least able to obtain it
4 for themselves; and,

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6 WHEREAS, half a million Wisconsin people have no health insurance, including 90,000 children; and,

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8 WHEREAS, businesses are faced with rising costs of 20 to 40%, placing an unfair burden on companies facing
9 international competition;

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11 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW urges legislators and the Governor to implement health care reform
12 that is affordable, covers all Wisconsin residents regardless of employment, provides high quality services
13 focused on prevention and controls rising costs.

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16 **07-JHD-08 Health Care** (8th CD – 85 Words)

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18 WHEREAS, the US is the only Western nation without a National Health Care system for all citizens; and,

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20 WHEREAS, nearly 50 million citizens are unable to afford health insurance and businesses are hard put to
21 provide worker benefits; and,

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23 WHEREAS, Medicare and Medicaid currently offer coverage with lower overhead cost than the private sector
24 (2% v. 15%) with more choices of doctors and hospitals;

25
26 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports a single-payer universal health-care program modeled on
27 Medicare for Wisconsin and the rest of the nation.

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30 **07-JHD-09 Stem Cell Research** (7th CD – 84 Words)

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32 WHEREAS, the University of Wisconsin is a world leader in stem cell research and technology; and,

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34 WHEREAS, stem cell research and genetic mapping potentially offer cures for life ending diseases; and,

35
36 WHEREAS, many who suffer from debilitating diseases are offered hope and relief from prolonged suffering;
37 and,

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39 WHEREAS, embryonic stem cell research offers potential breakthroughs not likely from adult stem cell
40 research alone;

41
42 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW encourages that State and Federal funds be pursued to support further
43 embryonic and adult stem cell research.

1 **07-JHD-10 Campaign Finance Reform** (2nd CD – 90 Words)

2
3 WHEREAS, campaign spending has reached absurd levels; and,

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5 WHEREAS, special interest groups, PACs and the very wealthy have disproportionate advantages in electing
6 and influencing public officials; and,

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8 WHEREAS, campaign costs keep worthy candidates from running for office; and

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10 WHEREAS, the perpetual need to raise campaign funds consumes valuable time of elected officials;

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12 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW encourages comprehensive finance reform laws which include public
13 funding of campaigns, free and fair media coverage, sane caps on all categories of contributions and on
14 campaign spending, and honest and accessible campaign funding reporting.

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17 **07-JHD-11 Public Financing** (8th and 6th CD – 49 Words)

18
19 WHEREAS, the need to raise vast amounts of money and spend it primarily on advertising has become so
20 corrupting to our electoral system and for our elected officials;

21
22 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW endorses full public financing of elections and free and equal access to all
23 media for all candidates.

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26 **07-JHD-12 Campaign Finance** (3rd CD – 75 Words)

27
28 WHEREAS, we have passed some legislation regulating money being donated for campaigns; and,

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30 WHEREAS, the last Governor's race and the Supreme Court race spent huge amounts of money; and,

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32 WHEREAS, we need to restrict spending for political campaigns to ensure that there is a level playing field for
33 all candidates;

34
35 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW demands that the State of Wisconsin enact campaign finance laws
36 requiring that all campaigns for public office be publicly financed.

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39 **07-JHD-13 Honesty in Government** (5th CD – 96 Words)

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41 WHEREAS, scandals continue to rock our state government; and,

42
43 WHEREAS, Wisconsin residents are fed up with elected officials who bow to special interest groups and are no
44 longer dedicated to doing what is for the public good; and,

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46 WHEREAS, it is time to end corruption and the appearance of corruption in government;

47
48 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, by the DPW that laws be passed to eliminate any ways in which special interest
49 groups can financially influence legislators, including but not limited to full publicly funded campaigns, making
50 gifts of any kind illegal and limiting lobbyist activities to providing information.

1 **07-JHD-15 Expand Civics & Democracy Education** (6th CD – 85 Words)
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3 WHEREAS, knowledge of and participation in public affairs is critical for the health of a democracy; and,
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5 WHEREAS, all children should be educated in the responsibilities of citizenship in our democracy; and,
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7 WHEREAS, public and private schools give only a cursory civics education, and public participation in our
8 democracy is at disgracefully low levels;
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10 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW advocates that Civics studies, including the responsibilities of citizenship,
11 be expanded in public schools and that private and home schooling curricula be held to the same
12 requirements.
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15 **07-JHD-16 Expand Public News Media** (6th CD – 97 Words)
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17 WHEREAS, a free and independent news media investigating and informing the public of the activities of
18 government and business is essential for a vibrant democracy at the national, state and local levels; and,
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20 WHEREAS, a news media dependent on advertising revenue and/or corporate funding cannot fulfill this
21 mission in a completely unbiased manner;
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23 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW advocates increased public funding of the Corporation for Public
24 Broadcasting, Wisconsin Public Television and Wisconsin Public Radio, eliminating corporate funding for them
25 and advocate creating or assisting programs to aid local, state and national investigative reporting
26 organizations and media outlets.
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29 **07-JHD-17 Repeal Discriminatory Amendment to the Wisconsin Constitution** (2nd CD – 89 Words)
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31 WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Constitution reads, "All people are born equally free and have certain inherent
32 rights, among these ... the pursuit of happiness"; and,
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34 WHEREAS, an amendment to the Constitution bans domestic partnerships, civil unions and gay marriages;
35 and,
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37 WHEREAS, gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered individuals are valuable, contributing, taxpaying
38 members of our state; and,
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40 WHEREAS, there is social value in encouraging stable, monogamous, relationships, irrespective of the sex of
41 the participants;
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43 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW urges repeal of the amendment banning gay marriages, civil unions and
44 domestic partnerships.

1 **07-JHD-18 Equal Rights Amendment** (1st CD – 89 Words)

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3 WHEREAS, the equal rights of women are being debated and agreed upon in the world court, with only the
4 United States bringing amendments to compromise the agreements;

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6 WHEREAS, the erosion of equal treatment of women is evident in new legislation passed as "moral values";

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8 WHEREAS, inequities exist between states in the treatment of men and women, and in jurisdiction in matters
9 of law;

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11 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports the immediate introduction of the Equal Rights Amendment, with
12 no additions, and urges all members of Congress to speed its passage.

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15 **07-JHD-19 Restore the Constitution** (1st CD – 82 Words)

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17 WHEREAS, the President issues Executive Orders which violate federal statutes;

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19 WHEREAS, the President's addition of "signing statements" to signing bills excuses him from enforcing that
20 law, thereby using an impermissible line-item veto;

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22 WHEREAS, the President continues practices that flout the Constitution's checks and balances and separation
23 of powers as they usurp legislative prerogatives and evade accountability;

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25 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW demands that Congress petition the federal courts to stop these practices
26 and restore the laws as passed and support the U.S. Constitution.

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29 **07-JHD-20 Restore Habeas Corpus** (8th CD – 100 Words)

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31 WHEREAS, in 2006, Congress passed a law governing military commissions, which included a provision
32 stripping certain detainees of their habeas corpus rights; and,

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34 WHEREAS, habeas corpus has been "the fundamental instrument for safeguarding individual freedoms"; and,

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36 WHEREAS, without habeas rights, detainees are denied a fair hearing in a Federal court challenge their
37 detention and the government is free to imprison such persons indefinitely;

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39 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW believes that such policy is unconstitutional and un-American, undermining
40 our national character, and that such policy must be overturned by Congress to fully restore the right to
41 petition for Writs of Habeas Corpus.

1 **07-JHD-21 Repeal the Military Commissions Act of 2006 (MCA)** (3rd CD – 100 Words)
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3 WHEREAS, the US Constitution provides: "The privilege of the writ of habeas corpus shall not be
4 suspended..."; and,
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6 WHEREAS, in September 2006, the Congress passed the MCA, which denies habeas corpus to individuals
7 labeled "unlawful enemy combatants," whether US citizens or not; and,
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9 WHEREAS, US citizens can be arrested and detained indefinitely without charge if the President declares them
10 to be "unlawful enemy combatants"; and,
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12 WHEREAS, under the MCA, "enemy combatants" can be tried and executed on the basis of coerced testimony,
13 hearsay and secret classified testimony;
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15 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW demands the immediate repeal of the Military Commissions Act.
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18 **07-JHD-22 Resolution Calling for Repeal of Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing
19 Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (Patriot Act)** (3rd CD
20 – 71 Words)
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22 WHEREAS, the U.S.A.P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act was passed by Congress in an atmosphere of fear and panic; and,
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24 WHEREAS, predictions of abuse of the powers granted to governmental officials to spy on and harass
25 American citizens and to deny American citizens' constitutional rights guaranteed in the First, Fourth, Fifth,
26 Sixth and Eighth Amendments have all come to pass;
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28 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW demands immediate repeal of the U.S.A.P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act and
29 U.S.A.P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act II.
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32 **07-JHD-23 Repeal of Uniting and Strengthening America by Providing Appropriate Tools
33 Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act of 2001 (Patriot Act)** (8th CD – 79 Words)
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35 WHEREAS, a democratic government is responsible for safeguarding the constitutional rights of its citizens;
36 and,
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38 WHEREAS, the U.S.A.P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act threatens all of those rights and permits large-scale information
39 gathering without citizens' knowledge and no accountability by authorities, as well as seizure of property
40 without due notice; and,
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42 WHEREAS, the U.S.A.P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act limits judicial review of executive branch actions and erodes the
43 separation of powers;
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45 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW demands immediate repeal of the U.S.A.P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act and
46 U.S.A.P.A.T.R.I.O.T. Act II.

1 **07-JHD-24 Impeachment of President Bush and Vice President Cheney** (6th CD – 99 Words)

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3 WHEREAS, the President and Vice President took oaths to “preserve, protect, and defend” the US
4 Constitution;

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6 WHEREAS, they manipulated intelligence and misled the country to justify war in Iraq;

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8 WHEREAS, they directed agencies to conduct domestic spying without warrants, violating U.S. law;

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10 WHEREAS, they authorized detention of persons without allowing them access to the U.S. legal system,
11 violating the U.S. Constitution;

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13 WHEREAS, they authorized torture against prisoners violating U.S. law and the Geneva Convention;

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15 WHEREAS, these violations of law constitute a “high crime or misdemeanor”;

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17 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW demands the impeachment of President Bush and Vice President Cheney.
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20 **07-JHD-25 Support for Bush’s Impeachment** (5th CD – 98 Words)

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22 WHEREAS, President Bush violated the 1978 Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act by allowing the NSA to spy
23 on American citizens without warrant; and,

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25 WHEREAS, Bush violated the torture convention of the Geneva Conventions; and,

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27 WHEREAS, Bush ordered American citizens held as POWs without charging them with crimes or conducting
28 trials; and,

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30 WHEREAS, Bush and his administration manipulated intelligence reports to justify invading Iraq and leaked
31 classified national secrets for political gain;

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33 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports state Representative Frank Boyle’s (D-Superior) efforts to
34 impeach George W. Bush and requests that Vice President Dick Cheney be included in such action.
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37 **07-JHD-26 Resolution of Impeachment** (4th CD – 98 Words)

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39 WHEREAS, the Bush Administration deceived the American people to illegally invade Iraq, without a
40 Congressional declaration of war, and continued the occupation after the objective was obtained, killing
41 thousands needlessly; and,

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43 WHEREAS, it sanctions torture; denies victims the right of habeas corpus, including American citizens; illegally
44 eavesdrops on citizens private communications; and circumvents the Constitution with signing statements;
45 and,

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47 WHEREAS, these actions destroy lives and violate rights, and therefore constitute high crimes and
48 misdemeanors, and there must be accountability to preserve our constitutional government;

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50 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW demands the impeachment of President Bush and Vice President Cheney.

1 **07-JHD-27 Resolution of Impeachment** (3rd CD – 97 Words)
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3 WHEREAS, George W. Bush and his Administration (GWBA) lied to the American people to pursue an illegal
4 war in Iraq under the cover of fighting terrorism, killing tens of thousands of people, civilian and military for
5 no just cause;
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7 WHEREAS, GWBA has sanctioned torture and denied habeas corpus to persons labeled “enemy combatants”;
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9 WHEREAS, GWBA has violated FISA by directing illegal surveillance;
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11 WHEREAS, the Administration must be held accountable for these actions in order to preserve the basic
12 principles of our constitutional government;
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14 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW demands the impeachment of President Bush and Vice President Cheney.
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17 **07-JHD-28 For Impeachment of the President and Vice President** (2nd CD – 100 Words)
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19 WHEREAS, the DPW adopted resolutions in 2005 and 2006 calling for Bush/Cheney impeachment and Iraq
20 withdrawal, yet illegal wars, torture, wiretapping, massive bloodshed, national bankruptcy and other high
21 crimes continue;
22

23 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW calls upon Wisconsin’s Congressional delegation to immediately call for
24 impeachment proceedings in the US House against President Bush and Vice President Cheney and co-sign
25 H.R. 333; State Assembly Democrats to cosponsor and vote for Representative Boyle’s Joint Resolution calling
26 upon the US House to commence impeachment proceedings against President Bush; and State Senate
27 Democrats to immediately introduce and vote for a companion resolution in the Senate.
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30 **07-JHD-30 Adopt a State Prohibition of the Federal Real ID Act of 2005** (4th CD – 96 Words)
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32 WHEREAS, critics of the Federal Real ID Act of 2005 contend that it is an unfunded federal mandate, and it
33 would effectively create a national identification card; and,
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35 WHEREAS, the Arizona Senate voted Thursday, March 8, 2007, to prohibit the state from implementing Real
36 ID, a federal law that dictates guidelines for driver licenses and state identification cards; and,
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38 WHEREAS, Idaho and Maine have already enacted similar prohibitions, and at least 20 other states are
39 considering similar legislation,
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41 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW calls upon the Wisconsin State Legislature to adopt a ban on Real ID.

1 **07-JHD-31 Fighting for Fair Voting** (2nd CD – 100 Words)

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3 WHEREAS, the Bush Administration has a sordid history of entitling its legislative initiatives - No Child Left
4 Behind, Clear Skies Act, Healthy Forests Initiative - opposite to what the legislation does;

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6 WHEREAS, the major problem with elections in America is people not being allowed to vote, or their votes not
7 being counted; and

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9 WHEREAS, despite its lying title, the Help America Vote Act makes it harder for people to vote;

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11 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports voting laws which make it as easy as possible for citizens to
12 register and vote and should fight contrary federal legislation with lawsuits if necessary.

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15 **07-JHD-32 Paper Ballots are Best** (2nd CD – 74 Words)

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17 WHEREAS, fair voting is fundamental to democracy; and,

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19 WHEREAS, the sole value of electronic voting machines (EVMs) is speed of reporting, not accuracy; and,

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21 WHEREAS, EVMs can be hacked;

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23 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, by the DPW that state law should mandate that every vote in Wisconsin be cast on
24 a voter-marked paper ballot, regardless of how they are counted; and, after each election, paper ballots in a
25 randomly selected 10% of the wards be manually canvassed.

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28 **07-JHD-33 Resolution Against State Sponsored Murder** (1st and 4th CD – 92 Words)

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30 WHEREAS, our justice system derives its moral authority by maintaining a higher standard than common
31 murderers, not by sinking to their level; and,

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33 WHEREAS, states without executions have lower murder rates, and Wisconsin has an effective deterrent, life
34 without parole; and,

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36 WHEREAS, more than 100 innocent people on death row have been exonerated; and,

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38 WHEREAS, Wisconsin's recent execution referendum was driven by politics, and its chief Legislative sponsor
39 admitted that it was worded to confuse voters;

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41 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW urges the Governor and Legislature to actively resist state-sponsored
42 murder in Wisconsin.

1 **07-JHD-34 Support for Returning Troops** (5th CD – 93 Words)

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3 WHEREAS, the prolonged war in Iraq has produced 30,000 wounded veterans to date, it is incumbent upon
4 the nation to provide adequate and sufficient health and mental health care to enable these veterans to return
5 to their respective civilian positions;

6
7 WHEREAS, the Republican administration has not planned for the return of these veterans to civilian status;

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9 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW urges the government to remove ponderous paper work, speed up
10 processing of benefits, provide immediate health care – mental and physical, and provide access to
11 appropriate training for sustainable jobs for our returning troops.

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14 **07-JHD-36 Condemn Police Brutality** (4th CD – 99 Words)

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16 WHEREAS, police brutality is an issue that the general community is concerned with;

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18 WHEREAS, all people have the right to feel safe from police brutality and be treated humanely; and,

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20 WHEREAS, there has been a history of police brutality in Wisconsin;

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22 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW condemns police brutality, the use of excessive or unnecessary force by
23 police officers with the purpose or expectation of causing death or bodily or mental harm to a human being,
24 and supports the efforts of the Milwaukee Police Accountability Coalition to create an appointed, independent
25 Civilian Review Board to address complaints against police officers.

1 **FLOOR RESOLUTIONS**

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3 **07-FL-01 Great Lakes Shipping Moratorium** (Submitted by Bob Heule, 1st CD – 97 Words)

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5 WHEREAS, aquatic invasive species are taking an adverse environmental toll on the water quality of the Great
6 Lakes due to ocean-going vessels discharging ballast water; and,

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8 WHEREAS, cost of efforts to control zebra and quagga mussels alone is estimated to be \$500 million annually;
9 and,

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11 WHEREAS, during a shipping moratorium, alternative transportation can be accomplished by off-loading cargo
12 to lake vessels, rail or truck;

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14 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW calls upon Congress to develop a method preventing the discharge of
15 ballast containing invasive species into the Great Lakes and implement that method by law as soon as
16 possible.

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19 **07-FL-05 Ratify Great Lakes-Saint Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact** (Submitted
20 by Martha Love (Milwaukee Co) – 100 Words)

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22 WHEREAS, the Compact was signed in 2005 by eight Great Lakes governors;

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24 WHEREAS, each Great Lakes state must ratify it by making it state law;

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26 WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are essential to us economically and culturally, and the source of drinking water
27 for 42 million people;

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29 WHEREAS, the climate crisis and global water scarcity demand practical, effective, binding water management
30 agreements; and,

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32 WHEREAS, the Compact establishes a fair system to protect our interests and environment, and will prevent
33 raids from outside interests;

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35 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW calls upon our Legislature to pass the Compact and strong implementing
36 legislation before 2008.

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39 **07-FL-06 No attack on Iran** (Submitted by Jim Carpenter (Milwaukee Co) – 100 Words)

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41 WHEREAS, the initiation of a military attack on a sovereign nation is prohibited by the UN Charter; and,

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43 WHEREAS, President Bush has shown a disregard for international law, including the UN Charter; and,

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45 WHEREAS, the director general of the UN nuclear inspection agency warned Tehran and Washington on June
46 11, 2007 that their stalemate over Iran's nuclear activities was turning into a "brewing confrontation" that
47 "urgently needs to be defused";

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49 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the DPW direct the U.S. Congress to take all steps necessary to prevent
50 President Bush from initiating a military attack on Iran by land, sea, or air.

1 **07-FL-08 Support for Cheney's and Bush's Impeachment** (Submitted by Les Nakamoto, 5th CD – 97
2 Words)

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4 WHEREAS, V. P. Cheney fabricated WMD to justify war with Iraq; and,

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6 WHEREAS, Cheney fabricated a relationship between Iraq and al Qaeda to further justify this war; and,

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8 WHEREAS, Cheney violated his oath to faithfully execute his office and defend the Constitution;

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10 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports Rep. Kucinich's H.R. 333 to impeach Cheney and requests that
11 President Bush be included in such action;

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13 FURTHER RESOLVED, the DPW requests that Americans contact every Democrat on the House Judiciary
14 Committee and request they hold hearings on H.R. 333.

15 <http://www.afterdowningstreet.org/judiciarycommittee>, Sign petitions:

16 <http://www.democrats.com/peoplesemailnetwork/73> or distribute petitions:

17 <http://www.afterdowningstreet.org/petition>.

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20 **07-FL-10 Support for "Healthy Wisconsin: Your Choice, Your Plan"** (submitted by David Newby and
21 Bill Scanlon, 2nd CD - 81 words)

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23 WHEREAS, almost half a million people in Wisconsin have no health insurance for at least part of the year;
24 and,

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26 WHEREAS, the cost of health insurance is rising two to three times as fast as working families' income; and,

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28 WHEREAS, the current system is broken and cannot be sustained;

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30 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW enthusiastically and actively supports "Healthy Wisconsin: Your Choice,
31 Your Plan", an universal, affordable, and progressive health care plan that Senate Democrats have added to
32 the 2007-2009 Budget Bill.