

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:	Organizing Unit:	Precinct:
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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, & Land Stewardship | <input type="checkbox"/> Media & Internet Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil, Human, & Constitutional Rights | <input type="checkbox"/> National Security & International Policy |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Corporate & Business Accountability to the Public | <input type="checkbox"/> Racial, Ethnic, Gender, LGBTQ, & Economic Justice |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education | <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Security |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy & Climate | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax and Budget Policy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government Accountability to the Public | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input checked="" 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 **Get the Lead Out**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DFL Supports 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.

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

- There is no safe level of lead - it is one of the greatest long-term health threats to children in Minnesota, especially in communities of color.
- Lead testing and remediation can help eliminate lead exposure from paint and other sources.
- The Biden Infrastructure law will help our state identify the more than 100,000 lead service lines in Minnesota homes. Further funding can help replace these lines to keep Minnesotans - especially children - safe from lead exposure in their drinking water.
- It is voluntary not to use lead shot or tackle in hunting and fishing. Voluntary compliance has been tried in Minnesota but according to the DNR it has failed.
- There is strong evidence that loons, swans, and other waterfowl are threatened by lead tackle in Minnesota lakes. Eagles are particularly threatened because, like Condors in California (where lead is largely banned in order to protect Condors), they are primarily scavengers, and consume deer entrails containing lead shot left by hunters. There is no evidence that Minnesota hunters avoid leaving lead behind.
- Many states have chosen to ban the use of lead, all or in part, in fishing and/or hunting, based on studies showing the damage lead does to wildlife. The DNR rejects a wholesale ban on lead because many other states only ban some use of lead, and because about half of the hunters in the state prefer to keep using lead. It is not clear that the DNR has taken environmental impacts seriously in their consideration of this matter.

To be filled out at the Precinct Caucus:

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

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