

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 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Development & Local Business | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources & the Environment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Protection | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety & Crime Prevention |
| <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 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 **Prove It First**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DFL supports a moratorium banning copper-nickel sulfide mining in Minnesota's watersheds until it is proven first to be safe in water-rich environments for the protection of some of America's greatest treasures including but not limited to Lake Superior, the BWCAW, Voyageurs National Park, and the Mississippi River.

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

- Non-ferrous sulfide mining has never been done in a water-rich environment like Minnesota without polluting, degrading, or destroying the surrounding waters.
- The potential harm to the region will displace residents and shutter small businesses that are dependent on the natural resources in our state for other purposes.
- Wildlife and humans depend on clean water and air and need the region protected from toxic sulfide mining
- The current laws of the land established to protect the Superior National Forest, including the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, the Lake Superior watershed, and the entire State of Minnesota, are being weakened by legislation and ignored by governmental agencies.
- The majority of permits issued in relation to the PolyMet project have been overturned, suspended, or remanded by the courts because of purposeful failure to follow procedure or faults in the permits related to the project. SEE BACK FOR MORE SUPPORTING POINTS!

To be filled out at the Precinct Caucus:

This resolution was: Adopted Defeated

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- A 2020 StarTribune/MPR survey shows that over 60% of Minnesotans do not support these proposed projects, and a recent survey from the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy shows that only 21% of Minnesotans surveyed support staying the course with the PolyMet project.
- Sulfide mining's harmful impacts grow and extend over distance with time. There will be more water and energy used, and more tailings produced per ton of mined metal. The threat of mined tailings entering rivers and lakes will increase as the number and intensity of severe weather events continue to increase with climate change.
- Elevated sulfate levels caused by mine drainage would harm wild rice beds. Wild rice, also known as manoomin, is a rich source of protein and has cultural significance to the Ojibwe and Lakota tribes who are guaranteed the right to gather it under treaties.
- Elevated sulfate levels also increase the uptake of methylmercury to fish and humans who eat fish. Methylmercury stays in the fish's muscle, in their meat, and when women eat it, they absorb it, and eventually pass it on to babies in the womb, which impacts the children's ability to think and learn per cognitive testing done in the 3rd grade.
- The PolyMet mine would destroy nearly 1,000 acres of wetlands and peatlands. According to a DNR study, destruction of 1,000 acres of peatlands is equivalent to 2 percent of Minnesota's entire carbon footprint.
- "To get an idea of the scope of the huge carbon footprint that this mine proposal would impose on Minnesota, PolyMet's carbon dioxide equivalent emissions of 707,342 metric tons per year would be more than one-fourth of the CO2 equivalent calculated in a 2011 report for the entire city of Duluth — including the commercial, industrial, residential, transportation and waste sectors." Paula Macabee
- There is no need to mine copper, copper mined here will go on the world market and likely end up in China and other nations, with the waste staying here.
- We currently only recycle about 33% of our copper. If we increased this rate by just 1% we would add copper equivalent to a PolyMet mine to our supply.
- The U.S. Government Accountability Office, an independent nonpartisan agency that reports to Congress, says that financial assurances for toxic nonferrous sulfide mining have been inadequate to cover cleanup costs. According to one GAO report, 'after cleanup became mandatory, many parties responsible for hard rock mining sites have been liquidated through bankruptcy or otherwise dissolved, [leaving the cost of cleanup] to the taxpayer.'" –Rebecca Otto, former MN State Auditor.

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