

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:

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Civil, Human, & Constitutional Rights | <input type="checkbox"/> National Security & International Policy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Community Development & Local Business | <input 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 **Rights of Nature**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT *All waters and wetlands in Minnesota have a right to exist, flow, and be protected against harm. Government entities or citizens shall have standing to bring an action against any entity who intentionally or negligently damages waters and wetlands in Minnesota.*

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

- The ever-growing list of impaired waterways in Minnesota is evidence that our environmental laws do not fully protect our communities and their environments. If we set ecosystems on equal footing with people and corporations by giving them standing to sue, rather than treating them as property, we will be better able to stave off the assault on our clean water, air, and planet.
- Ecosystems are living entities with rights, just like humans and corporations. They have the right to exist and flourish and multiply. With our current biodiversity and climate crises, the status quo in terms of environmental laws is not adequate to protect our most valuable and necessary resources.
- In 2018, White Earth leaders adopted a tribal law recognizing the rights of wild rice to exist and flourish. And in 2021, the Constitutional Court in Ecuador ruled that the constitutional rights of nature were violated by the issuance of mining permits that would harm the biodiversity of the Los Cedros Protected Forest, including species at high risk of extinction and fragile ecosystems.

To be filled out at the Precinct Caucus:

This resolution was: Adopted Defeated

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