

# 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 type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources & the Environment               |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Consumer Protection</b>             | <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 Toxic Substances

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the DFL supports the reduction or banning of toxic and carcinogenic substances, such as harmful PFAS chemicals, in consumer goods, and require newly developed similar substances to be proven safe before widespread manufacture and use.**

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

- Almost all Minnesotans have been exposed to some level of PFAS, with residents of places like the East Metro especially at risk. Many PFAS chemicals contribute to cancer and other diseases. While these chemicals are being phased out or restricted in many areas, new cancer-causing pollutants continue to emerge.
- Our current system allows corporations to introduce chemicals without the burden of proving that they are safe - it is on regulators that have to prove that the chemicals are harmful.
- Minnesota and the United States should introduce the precautionary principle in regulating new chemicals - ensuring that harm is prevented beforehand rather than addressed afterward. It would require corporations to prove that their new substances are safe prior to approval for widespread use.
- Research is needed to better understand sources of trace contaminants like PFAS and pharmaceuticals so they can be effectively controlled before they enter surface water and groundwater.

*To be filled out at the Precinct Caucus:*

This resolution was:  Adopted  Defeated  
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