

# Democratic Party of Wisconsin 2024 Resolutions

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## **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

### **24-FA-01: THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF WISCONSIN CALLS FOR AN IMMEDIATE CEASEFIRE IN GAZA (99 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, 66 Congress members called for immediate ceasefire in Gaza, with Representative Pocan "warning that without one, this war leads to further loss of civilian life and risks dragging the U.S. into unwise conflict";

WHEREAS, 28,000+ Palestinians have been killed, majority being women and minors;

WHEREAS, collective punishment of Palestinians is an egregious violation of humanitarian law and is, according to South Africa's ICJ case, genocide; and,

WHEREAS, the U.N. Secretary General, General Assembly, WHO, Jewish Voice for Peace, and 80% of Democrats, according to polls, support an immediate ceasefire;

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW calls for an immediate, unconditional ceasefire.

### **24-FA-02: RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE BIDEN PEACE PLAN: CEASEFIRE, THE RETURN OF ALL HOSTAGES AND HUMAN REMAINS, AND THE DELIVERY OF HUMANITARIAN AID TO GAZA (86 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, The Hamas terrorist attacks on Israel made October 7, 2023, the deadliest day for Jews since the Holocaust;

WHEREAS, Hamas murdered, raped, and took hostage innocent American and Israeli civilians;

WHEREAS, the war in Gaza has triggered a humanitarian crisis causing the death, injury, and displacement of civilians;

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW calls for the immediate adoption by all parties of the Biden Peace Plan, leading to a ceasefire, the return of all hostages and human remains, and the delivery of humanitarian aid to Gaza.

### **24-FA-03: SUPPORT FOR UKRAINE AID (71 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, assisting Ukraine with its defense against the unprovoked invasion by Russia is in the national interest of the United States;

WHEREAS, other European countries are in danger if Russia is allowed to continue its transgressions unopposed; and,

WHEREAS, Ukraine is likely to lose its war with Russia without ongoing aid from the United States;

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports immediate action to provide adequate military and non-military aid to Ukraine.

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

### **24-ELE-01: ADOPT A STUDENT BILL OF RIGHTS INTO STATE LAW (99 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, special interests are using veiled talking points on parental rights to limit access to educational materials, demonize educators, and attack public schools;

WHEREAS, many so-called parental rights policies are attempts to harm the lives of LGBTQ+ students, especially those identifying as transgender;

1 WHEREAS, students should have the strongest voice in decision making on their education; and,  
2 WHEREAS, schools should offer opportunities that are relevant to the future and its leaders;  
3 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the Wisconsin Legislature should adopt a Student Bill of Rights to increase the  
4 power of the student voice, expand learning opportunities, and protect vulnerable student populations.  
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6 **24-ELE-02: STOP THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF GENTRIFICATION (100 WORDS)**

7 WHEREAS, many Wisconsin communities deal with concerns of displacement and low youth retention;  
8 WHEREAS, there are proven strategies that reduce displacement from gentrification;  
9 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, communities could be preserved through proactive code enforcement using  
10 subsidized home repair programs for senior and low-income housing, prohibiting large-scale  
11 developments in at-risk neighborhoods, and improving residential infrastructure;  
12 RESOLVED, cities should establish Community Land Trusts in underserved neighborhoods and increase  
13 renter protections and legal rights to prevent displacement; and,  
14 RESOLVED, local hire mandates and Project Labor Agreements should be allowed in Wisconsin;  
15 FINALLY, RESOLVED, federal fair housing rules should be re-written to promote equitable investments.  
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17 **24-ELE-03: RESOLUTION FOR STRENGTHENING LABOR UNIONS AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE BY REPEALING ACT**  
18 **10 AND RIGHT TO WORK LAWS (92 WORDS)**

19 WHEREAS, the rate of workers pay has not increased at the same rate as CEO pay and rising cost of  
20 living;  
21 WHEREAS, corporate profits are at an all-time high and wealth is not trickling down;  
22 WHEREAS, Act 10 and Right to Work Laws are keeping wages low and disenfranchising Wisconsin  
23 teachers, nurses and other unions; and,  
24 WHEREAS, the average annual Wisconsin household income needs to meet paycheck to paycheck needs  
25 with the median cost-of-living;  
26 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the DPW supports unionizing in all industries while repealing Act 10 and Right  
27 to Work Laws.  
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29 **24-ELE-04: RESOLUTION TO LOWER PRESCRIPTION DRUG PRICES (99 WORDS)**

30 WHEREAS, the U.S. continues to have significantly higher prescription drug prices due to limited  
31 competition, research and development costs, price hikes, and lack of regulation;  
32 WHEREAS, there is an urgent need to alleviate the burden of exorbitant prescription drug prices on  
33 individuals and healthcare systems, particularly the most vulnerable; and,  
34 WHEREAS, state and federal governments have proven the effectiveness of lowering prescription drug  
35 prices by facilitating generic drug competition, negotiating drug prices, and promoting transparency in  
36 pharmaceutical pricing;  
37 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports legislation that encourages public research into prescription  
38 drugs, increases competition, and lowers prices through government negotiated prices.  
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40 **24-ELE-05: RESOLUTION FOR TEACHER AND EDUCATOR SHORTAGES AND FUNDING FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES**  
41 **(100 WORDS)**

42 WHEREAS, the U.S Department of Education is reporting record public school educator shortages;

1 WHEREAS, this shortage has several factors including teachers pay, benefits and an inadequate budget  
2 for school supplies; and,

3 WHEREAS, teachers often spend their own money for student supplies because they are dependent on  
4 parents to donate school supplies to get through the school year;

5 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports funding for teachers and educators including but not limited to  
6 an increase in pay, increased benefits, higher budget for school supplies, free mental health counseling,  
7 grants and scholarships for teaching degrees, certificates, graduate programs and other educational  
8 related programs.

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10 **24-ELE-06: RESOLUTION FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT SCREENING AND INDIVIDUALIZED**  
11 **EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN RURAL WISCONSIN (85 WORDS)**

12 WHEREAS, rural communities have a shortage of early childhood developmental screenings;

13 WHEREAS, screenings can catch delays at an early age;

14 WHEREAS, screenings include speech therapy, occupational therapy, gross motor skills, social and  
15 emotional behavior, and others; and,

16 WHEREAS, early detection of these delays can give the child resources necessary to catch up and to  
17 reduce or eliminate an effect on the childhood and adult development;

18 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports early childhood development screens in rural areas with  
19 resources to complete the Individualized Education Program (IEP).

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21 **24-ELE-07: RESOLUTION TO EXPAND AFFORDABLE CHILDCARE AND EMPOWER FAMILIES IN THE**  
22 **WORKFORCE (98 WORDS)**

23 WHEREAS, prioritizing the well-being and development of children at an early age is the foundation of a  
24 strong workforce, promoting equity and opportunity;

25 WHEREAS, affordable, accessible, and quality childcare options are limited for many Wisconsin parents  
26 and caregivers, particularly in rural areas; and,

27 WHEREAS, the cost and availability of care often requires parents or caregivers to stay at home,  
28 removing that individual from the workforce;

29 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports state and federal investment in quality childcare by providing  
30 guaranteed child tax credits, incentivizing businesses for on-site childcare, and fostering partnerships with  
31 community organizations to expand affordable care options.

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33 **24-ELE-08: ALLEVIATING FOOD INSECURITY FOR K-12 STUDENTS (91 WORDS)**

34 WHEREAS, 23% of Wisconsinites are "Food Insecure";

35 WHEREAS, 80% of SNAP recipients in WI are below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level;

36 WHEREAS, 60% of Wisconsin is a "Food Desert;"

37 WHEREAS, negative social stigma regarding free and reduced lunch affects student self-esteem;

38 WHEREAS, students who eat breakfast have documented improved academic performance; and,

39 WHEREAS, food insecurity disproportionately affects students' ability to learn, correlating to poor learning  
40 outcomes;

41 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, free breakfast/lunch must be available to all K-12 students to eliminate stigma,  
42 improve academic performance, and enhance overall health and social outcomes.

1 **24-ELE-09: RESOLUTION TO AMEND 26 U.S.C., CHAPTER 21 (INTERNAL REVENUE CODE) BY INCLUDING**  
2 **ALL FORMS OF INCOME SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN TITLE A SHALL BE SUBJECT TO FICA AND MEDICARE**  
3 **TAXES WITHOUT A CAP THEREON (100 WORDS)**

4 WHEREAS, Social Security and Medicare are in danger of being unable to pay benefits in the future;

5 WHEREAS, they currently rely solely on earned income;

6 WHEREAS, there is a cap on the amount of income that is taxable; and,

7 WHEREAS, requiring all forms of income to be taxed as support of Social Security and Medicare shall  
8 resolve any funding crisis;

9 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that 26 U.S.C., Chapter 21 be amended by imposing on all income subject to  
10 tax in Title A of said IRC the taxes imposed by Chapter 21 as amended and without any cap on income to  
11 be taxed.

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13 **24-ELE-10: SUPPORT OF PUBLIC EDUCATION (61 WORDS)**

14 WHEREAS, public schools are critical to having an informed populace;

15 WHEREAS, an informed populace is crucial to a well-functioning democracy; and,

16 WHEREAS, adequate public funding is vital for quality public schools;

17 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW resolves that all public funds dedicated to education be spent on  
18 developing, maintaining, and improving public education; and,

19 FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Wisconsin Voucher program be abolished.

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21 **24-ELE-11: LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING (85 WORDS)**

22 WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has had a surplus fund totaling billions of dollars for several years;

23 WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has set regulations on local Governmental bodies, capping their ability  
24 to raise taxes and fees to meet yearly budgets; and,

25 WHEREAS, The State of Wisconsin has created a situation that forces local governments to make major  
26 cuts to services and personnel;

27 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports state laws that substantially increase revenue sharing and the  
28 removal of revenue caps on all local government units.

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31 **RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS**  
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33 **24-AGE-01: RESOLUTION FOR UPGRADING ELECTRIC GRID INFRASTRUCTURE AND PRIORITIZING**  
34 **EXPANSION OF DIVERSE, CLEAN ENERGY PRODUCTION (100 WORDS)**

35 WHEREAS, there is a shortage of renewable and clean energy, due to a lack of investment in  
36 infrastructure for these technologies;

37 WHEREAS, this country has successfully spent hundreds of billions of dollars over one hundred plus years  
38 on infrastructure for fossil fuels equating to large supplies and cheaper costs;

39 WHEREAS, to meet future demands for electrification, the electric grid will need significant updates;

40 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports the funding of electric grid infrastructure updates to support  
41 renewable energy including the exploration and development of safe hydrogen, thermal, nuclear,  
42 biomass, wind, and solar in order to lower costs and increase supply.

**24-AGE-02: RE-ESTABLISHING POSITIONS AT THE DNR (67 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, Wisconsin residents depend on the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources to maintain a healthy environment;

WHEREAS, the department has eliminated most of its science-based positions;

WHEREAS, the department has also eliminated many enforcement positions; and,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin has long prided itself on having sound, science-based, properly enforced, environmental policy;

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports the re-establishment of recently eliminated enforcement and science-based positions at the Wisconsin DNR.

**24-AGE-03: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF SUSTAINABLE REGENERATIVE FARMING (98 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, there are 1258 Wisconsin waterways classified as impaired for phosphorus primarily from agricultural runoff per numerous DNR/USDA/UW studies;

WHEREAS, in agricultural areas, such as the highly cultivated regions in south-central Wisconsin, approximately 30% of private well samples exceed the Maximum Contamination Level of 10 ppm for nitrates; and,

WHEREAS, Regenerative farming practices allow agriculturalists to create ideal habitation for soil microbes that deliver restorative nutrients to plants that improve soils, increase the nutritional value of the food produced at far less cost and without harmful runoff;

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW should demand legislation which prioritizes Regenerative Agricultural Practices.

**24-AGE-04: UTV/ATV USE ON PUBLIC ROADS (79 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has specific rules/laws for motorized vehicles operating on public roadways;

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has regulations on drivers and vehicles using public roadways, including a valid driver's license and insurance coverage; and,

WHEREAS, many communities have adopted ordinances allowing UTV/ATV drivers to use certain public roadways.

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports state laws requiring UTV/ATV vehicles using public roadways be held to appropriate rules, laws and regulations to protect the safety of the community.

**RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING JUSTICE, HUMANS CONCERNS, AND DEMOCRACY**

**24-JHD-01: END MASS INCARCERATION (97 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, the United States has the largest incarcerated population in the world, with over 1.8 million people incarcerated;

WHEREAS, nearly 75% of those incarcerated are serving time for non-violent offenses; and,

WHEREAS, the US annually spends \$80,000,000,000 on incarceration;

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, the USA must end mass incarceration;

1 FURTHER RESOLVED, incarceration should be eliminated as a penalty for most non-violent offenses,  
2 especially those stemming from mental illness and addiction;  
3 FURTHER RESOLVED, treatment and rehabilitation alternatives and re-entry programs must receive major  
4 investment; and,  
5 FINALLY, RESOLVED, the United States should conduct regular systemic audits of our criminal justice  
6 system.

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8 **24-JHD-02: REFORM POLICING (100 WORDS)**

9 WHEREAS, for many years Wisconsinites have demanded reforms to law enforcement that protect civil  
10 liberties;  
11 WHEREAS, there has not been meaningful statewide action to address these demands; and,  
12 WHEREAS, Americans should stand as defenders of true justice and oppose systemically racist policies;  
13 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW calls for statewide reform on Use of Force policies for police and creation  
14 of a national database on police misconduct;  
15 FURTHER RESOLVED, law enforcement funding should be coordinated with crime prevention through  
16 social services, improved healthcare and work hours for first responders, and improving emergency  
17 response times; and,  
18 FINALLY, RESOLVED, Congress should replace qualified immunity.

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20 **24-JHD-03: ALLOW CITIZEN INITIATED BINDING REFERENDUMS IN WISCONSIN (97 WORDS)**

21 WHEREAS, there is no method for the people of Wisconsin to utilize direct democracy;  
22 WHEREAS, 15 States allow citizens to initiate binding referendums for Statute and Constitutional  
23 Amendments, and 10 additional states allow some variation of this;  
24 WHEREAS, Wisconsin residents have repetitively been asked their opinions through non-binding  
25 resolutions on subjects, but have received no action after giving clear opinions;  
26 WHEREAS, many States have seen huge progressive victories through direct democracy; and,  
27 WHEREAS, government should be of, by, and for the people;  
28 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, Wisconsin should allow citizen initiated binding ballot referendums on Statute  
29 and Constitutional Amendments.

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31 **24-JHD-04: RESOLUTION ABOUT IMMIGRATION IN WISCONSIN (99 WORDS)**

32 WHEREAS, Wisconsin has a history of being enriched by the contributions of immigrants, who are vital  
33 members of Wisconsin's labor force in a range of industries;  
34 WHEREAS, immigrants in Wisconsin have contributed billions of dollars in taxes; and,  
35 WHEREAS, crises around the world have created a need for safe haven for people who can no longer  
36 safely reside in their native areas, causing an influx of immigrants into the United States and Wisconsin;  
37 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports common sense immigration reform, assistance to communities  
38 where migrants are welcomed, easy-to-access guest worker programs, and support for individual and  
39 family migrants.

**24-JHD-05: MEDICAID EXPANSION (93 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, rural hospitals, healthcare services and medical clinics are failing in Wisconsin at the highest rate in the nation;

WHEREAS, closings leave thousands of people without needed services resulting in more crisis situations and deaths;

WHEREAS, medical facilities need adequate reimbursement for treatment services and unfunded patient care to maintain operations;

WHEREAS, parity needed with those states accepting federal Medicaid expansion;

WHEREAS, medical staff re-employment and retraining becomes critical to established care levels; and,

WHEREAS, community and mental health care services should be supported;

THEREFORE RESOLVED, the adaptation of Medicaid expansion should occur.

**24-JHD-06: RESOLUTION FOR REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE IN WISCONSIN (98 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, The U.S. Supreme Court overturned Roe vs Wade, shifting the determination for abortion access to state legislatures;

WHEREAS, this has resulted in abortion access to be uncertain in Wisconsin, with a 2023 Dane County Circuit Court ruling allowing abortion access under a 1985 state law which is likely to be challenged; and,

WHEREAS, the current Republican majority in the Wisconsin legislature refuses to take action on ensuring safe, legal abortions despite a majority of Wisconsinites being in favor;

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports Wisconsin legislation that would protect abortion access, mirroring that of other states such as Minnesota.

**24-JHD-08: NON-PARTISAN REDISTRICTING REFORM (75 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, 72% of Wisconsinites support the creation of a non-partisan method to draw legislative and congressional district maps;

WHEREAS, gerrymandered districts discourage competition and legislators are not accountable to constituents; and,

WHEREAS, the present Congressional District maps violate the Wisconsin Constitution requirement to "...be in as compact form as practicable.";

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports the permanent formation of a non-partisan redistricting commission to draw maps for Wisconsin's state legislative and congressional districts after every census.

**24-JHD-09: NATIONAL POPULAR VOTE COMPACT (100 WORDS)**

WHEREAS, the Presidency is the only elected office where the Electoral College decides the winner;

WHEREAS, the Electoral College was created in 1787 and does not reflect the changes taken place the last 237 years;

WHEREAS, the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact has been ratified by 35 states and 220 of the 270 votes needed for adoption;

WHEREAS, 63% in the 2022 Pew Research poll support electing the President with the direct popular vote; and,

WHEREAS, Wisconsin legislation is pending to support the National Popular Voter Interstate Compact;



1 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports the adoption of the National Popular Vote Compact.

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3 **24-JHD-10: PASS THE REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM ACT (95 WORDS)**

4 WHEREAS, the 1849 Wisconsin law bans abortion with no exceptions for rape, incest, or the health of the  
5 mother;

6 WHEREAS, the Reproductive Freedom Act (RFA) restores the power of individuals to make their own  
7 pregnancy healthcare decisions; and,

8 WHEREAS, RFA allows health care providers to provide medically accurate information, patients the right  
9 to receive medically accurate information from their health care provider, and ensures that publicly  
10 funded pregnancy counseling facilities provide all-options counseling;

11 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports the passage of the Reproductive Freedom Act as introduced by  
12 State Senator Kelda Roys and Representative Francesca Hong.

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14 **24-JHD-11: AUTOMATIC WEAPONS BAN (95 WORDS)**

15 WHEREAS, the Second Amendment to the Constitution, ratified in 1791, protects "The right of the people  
16 to keep and bear arms,";

17 WHEREAS, the Constitution does not prevent Congress from banning private ownership of weapons  
18 unknown to the framers of the Constitution;

19 WHEREAS, weapons are either made or altered to shoot hundreds of rounds per minute are the weapons  
20 of choice in mass shootings, street gangs, and other criminals; and,

21 WHEREAS, automatic weapons and large magazines are not used for sport;

22 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports an immediate ban on sales of automatic weapons and their  
23 accessories.

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25 **24-JHD-12: UNIVERSAL HEALTH CARE (55 WORDS)**

26 WHEREAS, every citizen should have equal access to medical services; and,

27 WHEREAS, The United States of America is the only industrialized country in the world where access to  
28 health care is determined by wealth;

29 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW shall support the establishment of a universal health care system through  
30 the 2024 national budget and accompanying legislation.

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32 **24-JHD-13: PATHWAY TO CITIZENSHIP (80 WORDS)**

33 WHEREAS, the national unemployment rate hit its lowest point in 54 years under President Biden;

34 WHEREAS, immigrants without legal status do not deprive American citizens of employment;

35 WHEREAS, the vast majority of immigrants contribute significantly to the economy of this nation; and,

36 WHEREAS, many immigrants without legal status have established homes and families;

37 THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports the creation of an efficient, humane program to provide  
38 immigrants with established residences and/or families, with legal standing and a path towards  
39 citizenship.

1    **24-JHD-14: STREAMLINE APPOINTMENTS TO THE NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD (80 WORDS)**

2    WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Senate has the authority to confirm or deny appointments to the Natural  
3    Resources Board;

4    WHEREAS, appointees have historically represented the Governor's position on Natural Resources; and,

5    WHEREAS, the current Wisconsin Senate has consistently ignored historical precedence and has  
6    attempted to influence policy through inaction;

7    THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports the right of any Governor to appoint members of the board with  
8    minimum oversight of the Senate; and,

9    FURTHER RESOLVED, supports a less contentious method of appointing board members.  
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11   **24-JHD-15: RETURN TO TRADITIONAL MEDICARE (98 WORDS)**

12   WHEREAS, one-half of Medicare eligible citizens choose an 'Advantage' plan;

13   WHEREAS, Advantage plans drain 1.4 billion dollars from Medicare;

14   WHEREAS, some dollars go to corporate overhead, commissions to corporate brokers, payment to  
15   corporate lobbyists, selection of the healthiest, prior authorizations, denials and delays in care - all adding  
16   to healthcare network collapse and worsening the healthcare of the neediest;

17   WHEREAS, the closing of rural hospital and clinics is evidence of the problem; and,

18   WHEREAS, traditional Medicare is efficient and effective;

19   THEREFORE, RESOLVED, DPW supports laws to stop the drain of the public Medicare fund by eliminating  
20   Advantage choice.