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1 Resolution in opposition to Attacks on Birthright Citizenship

2 **WHEREAS**, the present Republican administration is declaring that birthright citizenship is no
3 longer a right of children born in the United States;

4 **WHEREAS**, the 1857 U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Dred Scott v. Sandford* denied citizenship
5 and constitutional rights to African Americans, contributing to the tensions that led to the Civil
6 War;

7 **WHEREAS**, following the Civil War, the United States ratified the 14th Amendment,
8 establishing birthright citizenship as a constitutional right and ensuring that all persons born on
9 U.S. soil are granted citizenship, with narrow exceptions for the children of foreign diplomats
10 and enemy combatants from occupying armies;

11 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Supreme Court has repeatedly upheld birthright citizenship, including in
12 *United States v. Wong Kim Ark* (1898) and *Plyler v. Doe* (1982);

13 **WHEREAS**, the 14th Amendment, Section One, of the U.S. Constitution clearly states that:

14 *"All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction*
15 *thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State*
16 *shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens*
17 *of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property,*
18 *without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal*
19 *protection of the laws."*

20 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party goes on record as
21 actively and vehemently opposing any effort in state government or federal government that
22 threatens the birthright citizenship of citizens;

23 **FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party affirms strong support for
24 birthright citizenship as a fundamental principle of our nation's values and legal framework.

1 **Resolution calling for the Establishment of Frank Murphy Day**

2 **WHEREAS**, William Francis Murphy (Frank Murphy) was born April 13, 1890, in Harbor Beach,
3 Michigan, a city located in Huron County;

4 **WHEREAS**, Frank Murphy, a graduate of Harbor Beach High School and the University of
5 Michigan, served Michigan as Mayor of the City of Detroit and Governor of Michigan;

6 **WHEREAS**, Frank Murphy served in the U.S. Army during World War I;

7 **WHEREAS**, Frank Murphy served the United States as Governor-General of the Philippines
8 and United States Attorney General;

9 **WHEREAS**, as Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, in 1944, Frank Murphy dissented in
10 *Korematsu v. United States*, a 6-3 decision that upheld the incarceration of U.S. citizens in
11 camps during World War II, a decision now viewed as one of the worst Supreme Court
12 decisions in history;

13 **WHEREAS**, Justice Murphy's dissent (known as "Murphy's Dissent") against "the legalization of
14 racism" in *Korematsu v. United States* is a foundational statement from the 1940s that upholds
15 the dignity of all people;

16 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party calls on the Governor of
17 Michigan to declare, by resolution, April 13th as "Frank Murphy Day" in Michigan;

18 **FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party shall work diligently with
19 legislators in both chambers of the Michigan Legislature to write and pass a resolution creating
20 "Frank Murphy Day" for the citizens of Michigan;

21 **FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party calls on the Michigan
22 Department of Education to collaborate with the Michigan Council for Social Studies and the
23 Bentley Library at the University of Michigan to research, write, and implement lesson plans that
24 focus on Frank Murphy and his role in Michigan history.

25 <https://bentley.umich.edu/>

26 <https://korematsuinstitute.org/>

27 <https://www.harborbeach.com/frank-murphy-memorial-museum>

28 <https://mcssmi.org/>

29 <https://press.umich.edu/Books/J/Justice-and-Faith>

30 https://www.michbar.org/programs/milestone/milestones_murphysdissent

**1 Resolution calling for the Repeal of Restrictions on Marriage Equality in the Michigan
2 Constitution**

3 WHEREAS, the Michigan Constitution currently contains language in Article I, Section 25, which
4 limits the recognition of marriage to the union of one man and one woman, stating:

5 *"To secure and preserve the benefits of marriage for our society and for future*
6 *generations of children, the union of one man and one woman in marriage shall be the*
7 *only agreement recognized as a marriage or similar union for any purpose."*

8 WHEREAS, the presence of this unconstitutional language in the Michigan Constitution
9 continues to serve as a symbol of discrimination against LGBTQ+ individuals and fails to reflect
10 the values of equality and inclusion now embraced by the people of Michigan;

11 WHEREAS, removing this provision from the Michigan Constitution would affirm the
12 commitment to fairness, equality, and the protection of civil rights for all Michiganders;

13 WHEREAS, the Michigan Democratic Party is committed to advancing policies that promote
14 equality and justice for all individuals regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity;

15 WHEREAS, the continued existence of Article I, Section 25 in the Michigan Constitution poses a
16 risk of future legal challenges, judicial reinterpretations, and regressive policies that could
17 threaten the rights of LGBTQ+ couples;

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Democratic Party shall work to establish a
19 ballot initiative to repeal Article I, Section 25 of the Michigan Constitution to remove the outdated
20 and unconstitutional restriction on marriage equality;

21 FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Democratic Party shall engage in public
22 education efforts to raise awareness about the importance of this repeal, mobilize supporters,
23 and advocate for full equality under Michigan law;

24 FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Democratic Party urges all elected officials,
25 community organizations, and citizens to support repealing this language to ensure Michigan's
26 laws reflect the fundamental values of equality, dignity, and respect for all individuals.

**1 Resolution in support of Affirming the Michigan Democratic Party as the Party of
2 Freedom**

3 WHEREAS, the government of the United States of America since January 20, 2025, has been
4 administered under the control of a felon, Donald John Trump, and an oligarchic class of
5 individuals who have collectivized their wealth by using their privilege in elite society;

6 WHEREAS, a class of political insiders, grifters, and modern robber barons have propped up
7 this administration, bolstering a war against our Constitution, freedom, and rights by
8 suppressing the social and economic freedom of the people;

9 WHEREAS, actions have been placed into motion by government officials across the nation that
10 aim to directly target the inherent freedoms and liberties we hold dear as Michiganders;

11 WHEREAS, erratic actions by the current administration, including illegal and unconstitutional
12 actions and the impoundment of authorized funds, have left the economy incredibly unstable,
13 jeopardizing economic opportunity for all Americans;

14 WHEREAS, the impoundment of federal allocations and the seizing of technology within the
15 departments tasked with allocating those funds have economic consequences in our
16 communities, as well as significant domestic and national security implications;

17 WHEREAS, millions of working-class Americans—including federal employees, state and local
18 government employees who rely on federal grant funding, construction and trade workers on
19 federally funded projects, and millions of other collateral employees—are now vulnerable to
20 becoming victims of a recession of choice at the hands of the current administration;

21 WHEREAS, the current administration has attempted to subvert the Constitution of the United
22 States with orders to end birthright citizenship and has taken action to enlist radicalized,
23 unelected bureaucrats to obstruct and deny the people of the United States their rights under
24 our constitutional order;

25 WHEREAS, the current administration has dismantled governmental units and authorities and
26 has identified entire departments, such as the Department of Education and Department of
27 Labor, for elimination and privatization into the control of the elite and well-connected oligarchy;

28 WHEREAS, state legislatures across the nation, including in Michigan, as well as at the federal
29 level, have deliberately enacted, proposed, or supported legislation to limit the rights of working
30 people and have intentionally sought to maintain a permanent poverty class and working class
31 to exploit for cheap labor;

32 WHEREAS, the Idaho Legislature, with the support of some state attorneys general, has begun
33 intentional steps to set up the Supreme Court to overturn the constitutional right to same-sex

34 marriage granted in *Obergefell v. Hodges* (2015) and to rule the *Respect for Marriage Act*
 35 (2022) unconstitutional;

36 **WHEREAS**, the actions of the Supreme Court in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health*
 37 *Organization* (2022), along with the formal opinions and informal suggestions by members of
 38 the Court, further threaten the constitutional rights established in *Griswold v. Connecticut* (1965),
 39 *Loving v. Virginia* (1967), *Lawrence v. Texas* (2003), and other landmark decisions;

40 **WHEREAS**, political actors at all levels of government are actively working to restrict, suppress,
 41 and disenfranchise the votes and voices of millions of American citizens, discouraging
 42 participation in our democratic republic;

43 **WHEREAS**, we, the people, are bound by a moral obligation to ourselves, our neighbors, and
 44 our country to carry forward the promise of unalienable rights and self-determination for all;

45 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party asserts before the
 46 people of Michigan that it is the political party that supports the principles of liberty and the
 47 social and economic freedom of all Michiganders, including:

- 48 1. The freedom to constitutional protection and the right to constitutional citizenship at birth;
- 49 2. The freedom to assemble and petition elected and appointed officials for a redress of
 50 grievances;
- 51 3. The freedom to learn factually about our world's complex human and physical history;
- 52 4. The freedom to unionize and collectively bargain for better wages and conditions of
 53 employment;
- 54 5. The freedom to work and live with dignity and respect, without discrimination or undue
 55 burden;
- 56 6. The freedom to contract civil marriage between consenting adults without discrimination
 57 on the basis of sexual orientation, gender identity, or other protected classes;
- 58 7. The freedom to make one's own healthcare decisions, including reproductive healthcare;
- 59 8. The freedom to cast a vote and to have one's voice heard without undue interference;
- 60 9. The freedom to live with unalienable rights and the stability of opportunity to pursue
 61 social tranquility and economic security;
- 62 10. The freedom to self-determination of additional rights, including those reserved to the
 63 people that are not explicitly stated herein.

64 **FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party calls upon our elected
65 representatives to take and utilize all procedural and substantive actions available to support
66 these freedoms, defend the liberty of Michiganders, and uphold our constitutional order.

1 **Resolution calling for Updated Landlord-Tenant Rights and Police Interaction**

2 **WHEREAS**, there has been a significant incidence of landlord-tenant disputes and mental
3 health crises resulting in deaths in Michigan, particularly in Wayne County, at the hands of
4 police officers, court officers, and landlords;

5 **WHEREAS**, Sherman Lee Butler was being unfairly evicted from his Detroit apartment in
6 August 2024 and was killed by the bailiff who served him, with body camera footage not
7 released to the public until December 2024 despite public demands;

8 **WHEREAS**, John Zook Jr. of Wayne called the police for help while experiencing a mental
9 health crisis and was fatally shot upon their arrival, with body camera footage still unreleased
10 despite public outcry;

11 **WHEREAS**, Antwone Allen had a disagreement with his landlord, and while in the process of
12 vacating the premises, he was killed in December 2024;

13 **WHEREAS**, an unidentified individual in Dearborn requested that his landlord make repairs to
14 his rental unit and was then shot by the landlord during a confrontation on the premises;

15 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party urges county
16 prosecutors to automatically release police body camera footage to the public whenever police
17 use force or weaponry, in an effort to promote police transparency and accountability;

18 **FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party recommends that the
19 Michigan Legislature create a task force to address landlord-tenant rights in Michigan,
20 specifically focusing on the safety of the eviction process and the response of county
21 prosecutors when a tenant is injured.

1 Resolution in support of Affirming the Rights and Dignity of Transgender People

2 **WHEREAS**, President Donald J. Trump has issued an Executive Order “*Defending Women*
3 *From Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth To The Federal Government*”,
4 which attempts and fails to define only two sexes, but nevertheless mandates that the
5 government ignore the biological reality that gender is a social construct, and our sex is a
6 spectrum;

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8 **WHEREAS**, President Donald J. Trump has issued an Executive Order “*Prioritizing Military*
9 *Excellence and Readiness*” seeking to disqualify and remove transgender people from the
10 military, including those who have served honorably and with dignity, despite having never
11 served himself, and ignoring the reality that we as a people are made stronger for our
12 differences, not weaker;

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14 **WHEREAS**, President Donald J. Trump has issued an Executive Order “*No Men in Women’s*
15 *Sports*”, barring transgender individuals from competing in sports according to their gender,
16 while perpetuating lies that harm anyone who doesn’t ‘look female’ enough, such as referring to
17 Algerian boxer Imane Khelif as ‘assigned male at birth’ despite the fact that she was not;

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19 **WHEREAS**, President Donald J. Trump has issued an Executive Order “*Ending Radical*
20 *Indoctrination in K-12 Schooling*”, attempting to force schools to out their transgender students,
21 and threatening to pursue criminal charges against teachers and staff that support their
22 transgender students under claims of practicing medicine without a license;

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24 **WHEREAS**, President Donald J. Trump has begun to use dangerous language towards the
25 transgender community including referring to them as “un-American” and “dishonorable.”

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27 **WHEREAS**, Representative Nancy Mace uttered a slur against the transgender community on
28 the floor of Congress, and when confronted about it, raised her voice and repeated the slur
29 multiple times before facing no consequences for her actions;

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31 **WHEREAS**, there have been 462 anti-trans bills proposed in states across America so far this
32 year, with 674 in 2024;

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34 **WHEREAS**, the transgender community has been systematically targeted by the Republican
35 party and by Donald J. Trump and painted as villains, despite having existed throughout the
36 course of human history and having no verifiable proof of harm caused by the community;

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38 **WHEREAS**, the transgender community deserves the protections, rights, and respect afforded
39 to any American citizen;

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41 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party strongly supports the
42 transgender and LGBTQIA+ community, and will pursue legislation in protection and support of
43 the community;

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45 **FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party shall urge the responsible
46 authorities to provide guidance to schools on whether executive orders such as those
47 aforementioned are enforceable, and how they can be resisted to best protect transgender
48 students;

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50 **FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party condemns and denounces
51 the Republican Party, Representative Nancy Mace, and President Donald J. Trump for their
52 callous, cruel, and irresponsible behavior towards the transgender community;

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54 **FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party shall endeavor to further
55 learn and understand the plight and reality of being transgender, in order to be better equipped
56 to advocate in support of the community.

**1 Resolution in support of Establishing a Gotion Inc. Manufacturing Facility in Mecosta
2 County**

3 WHEREAS, pursuant to the Michigan Renaissance Zone Act (Act 376 of 1996) as amended,
4 Gotion North America Inc. (a Chinese, German, and American company) has filed an
**5 application for a Renaissance Zone for a proposed facility to be located in Green Charter
6 Township in the County of Mecosta, Michigan;**

7 WHEREAS, the proposed investment by Gotion North America is slated to be in excess of \$2
**8 billion and is expected to create more than 2,000 direct manufacturing jobs and be responsible
9 for creating and/or supporting more than 5,000 indirect jobs in our area;**

10 WHEREAS, the proposed plant will manufacture battery components in compliance with
**11 national and international goals to promote a cleaner environment and the transition from fossil
12 fuels;**

13 WHEREAS, the state-of-the-art technology and advanced manufacturing present in the Gotion
**14 North America facility will have a beneficial impact on the secondary and post-secondary
15 educational institutions in the Mecosta County area and throughout that region;**

16 WHEREAS, the Gotion facility will operate under and be subject to the laws of the local, state,
17 and federal governments;

18 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Michigan Democratic Party strongly supports efforts to
19 establish the Gotion North America Inc. manufacturing facility in Mecosta County;

20 FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, the Michigan Democratic Party upholds the efforts and
**21 assistance provided by the professionals and leaders of our state government in the process of
22 securing this major community development opportunity.**

1 Resolution in support of Eliminating the Wage Cap on Social Security Taxes

2 WHEREAS, Social Security has served as a critical safety net for working Americans and
3 people with disabilities since its creation by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in response to the
4 Great Depression;

5 WHEREAS, Social Security is primarily funded by worker contributions, with employees paying
6 6.2% of their wages up to a set wage base limit;

7 WHEREAS, in 2025, the wage base limit is set at \$176,100, meaning that income above this
8 threshold is not subject to Social Security taxes, effectively exempting high earners from paying
9 the same proportion of their income as lower-wage workers;

10 WHEREAS, while all workers contribute 1.45% of their wages toward Medicare, those earning
11 above \$176,100 are in a stronger financial position to support essential programs that provide
12 for people with disabilities and retirees;

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Democratic Party supports eliminating the
14 wage cap on Social Security contributions to ensure the wealthiest Americans pay their fair
15 share to sustain these vital programs for all Americans.

1 Resolution in support of a Living Wage Floor in Michigan

2 **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Democratic Party recognizes the critical role that workers play in the
3 economic well-being and prosperity of our communities and economy;

4 **WHEREAS**, a living wage is defined as the hourly rate an individual must earn to provide for
5 their basic living necessities, including food, shelter, transportation, healthcare, and other
6 essential needs for themselves and their families;

7 **WHEREAS**, the current minimum wage in Michigan, though important, fails to align with the true
8 cost of living in many regions of the state, leaving far too many working individuals and families
9 unable to meet their basic needs;

10 **WHEREAS**, in September 2018, the Michigan Legislature adopted a ballot initiative that would
11 have raised the minimum wage to over \$12 an hour and phased out the tipped minimum wage
12 by 2022;

13 **WHEREAS**, the Legislature adopted the initiative, which removed it from the ballot, and
14 subsequently amended the proposal to extend the timeline for reaching a \$12 minimum wage to
15 2030, removed automatic inflation adjustments, and reversed the decision to phase out the
16 tipped minimum wage, leaving it at 38% of the state's regular minimum wage;

17 **WHEREAS**, the Supreme Court decided on July 31, 2024 to reinstate the ballot initiative as
18 originally proposed which is set to go into effect in February 2025, with the state minimum wage
19 scheduled to reach \$15 per hour by 2028 and the tipped minimum wage set to equal the regular
20 minimum wage by 2030;

21 **WHEREAS**, as of February 22, 2025, Michigan's minimum wage for regular workers is \$12.48
22 per hour, which is insufficient to provide a stable and sustainable standard of living for many
23 workers;

24 **WHEREAS**, as of February 22, 2025, the minimum wage for tipped workers in Michigan is
25 \$5.99 per hour, which is lower than the standard minimum wage, leaving workers in the
26 hospitality and service industries at a greater risk of financial instability and economic hardship;

27 **WHEREAS**, research consistently shows that raising the minimum wage to a living wage
28 benefits not only individual workers but also strengthens local economies by increasing workers'
29 purchasing power, reducing reliance on public assistance programs, and improving overall
30 economic productivity;

31 **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Democratic Party is committed to creating a fair and just economy
32 where all workers are paid a wage that ensures their dignity, stability, and the ability to provide
33 for their families;

34 **WHEREAS**, the principles of fairness, equity, and opportunity demand that all workers,
35 regardless of their occupation, be paid a wage that reflects the true cost of living and ensures
36 their economic security;

37 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party supports the
38 establishment of a living wage in Michigan, defined as the hourly rate needed to meet the basic
39 living needs of an individual and their family, and calls for a gradual increase in the state's
40 minimum wage to align with this standard;

41 **FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party supports the elimination of
42 the tipped minimum wage and the establishment of a single, uniform minimum wage for all
43 workers, including those in the service and hospitality industries;

44 **FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party urges all branches of the
45 state government—the Governor, the House, and the Senate—to work collaboratively to enact
46 legislation that will raise the state minimum wage to meet the cost of living in Michigan, ensuring
47 that all working individuals and families can achieve financial security and dignity;

48 **FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party urges all Michigan
49 employers to recognize the importance of paying fair wages that reflect the true cost of living
50 and contribute to a sustainable and equitable economy.

1 Resolution in support of Workers and Labor

2 **WHEREAS**, everyday working families are the lifeblood of Michigan's economy and public life;

3 **WHEREAS**, Michigan's voters have proclaimed loud and clear that they want elected officials to
4 fight for affordability and the working people, frequently citing stagnant wages, rising costs, and
5 the health of our economy as top concerns;

6 **WHEREAS**, the wealthy are making life harder for working people by refusing to pay their fair
7 share of taxes to fund our schools, roads, and public safety while also refusing to pay workers
8 enough to raise their families on, as evidenced by the massive rise in corporate profits amid the
9 stagnant wages that Michigan families have had to endure for the last several decades;

10 **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce supports policies that take away the ability for
11 working people to come together and organize for good-paying jobs and safe working
12 conditions;

13 **WHEREAS**, Democrats in Lansing have stood with working people by repealing "right-to-work,"
14 restoring prevailing wage, increasing unemployment insurance, expanding voting rights, and
15 advancing countless other pro-worker measures that benefited families across Michigan;

16 **WHEREAS**, an extensive amount of work still needs to be done in the Capitol and across
17 Michigan to ensure that working people are protected from corporate anti-worker interests that
18 seek to divide the working people in favor of excessive corporate domination;

19 **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Democratic Party, if it hopes to win Michigan elections, must reaffirm
20 its commitment to the working people by fighting for life-sustaining wages, safe staffing, and
21 adequate benefits including earned paid sick leave and paid family leave for workers;

22 **WHEREAS**, Michigan must commit to being a pro-worker state by passing reforms such as
23 strengthening child labor laws to ensure that businesses are not exploiting minors in the
24 workplace, updating OSHA violation penalties to avoid the Trump administration's OSHA office
25 taking over MiOSHA, restoring local governments' ability to enact labor regulations that support
26 members of their communities, updating the worker's compensation system so that it benefits
27 workers and not the insurance industry, and many other policies that will make Michigan a better
28 place to work and live;

29 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party encourages all elected
30 officials to vigorously support working people by enacting and enforcing legislation and policies
31 that ensure safe working conditions, create and maintain life-sustaining jobs, and protect the
32 right to organize freely;

33 **FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party encourages all elected
34 officials to oppose policies that unfairly benefit big business and corporate special interests at
35 the expense of the working people and the people of Michigan.

1 **Resolution calling for Full Disclosure of Political Campaign Media Spending**

2 **WHEREAS**, anonymous spending on political campaign media distorts the political landscape
3 beyond recognition by permitting non-voters to influence results without accountability, and by
4 suppressing information required to allow voters to assess the credibility and hidden agendas of
5 the message presented;

6 **WHEREAS**, neither the Constitution nor the Founding Fathers endorsed or even contemplated
7 corporations (non-existent in 1789) having First Amendment political speech “rights”, let alone
8 the ability to create anonymous cabals to corrupt the electoral process;

9 **WHEREAS**, First Amendment freedom of speech functions to permit informed political
10 decisions, not as a shield to mask secret agendas, to foment lies, and allow distortions to go
11 unchallenged or be without repercussions;

12 **WHEREAS**, the current judicial climate unfortunately and incorrectly supports unfettered,
13 no-limit media spending during political campaigns, while anonymity has not, thus far, been
14 judicially enshrined;

15 **WHEREAS**, national polling clearly demonstrates voter aversion to the ability to influence
16 election results anonymously, most especially when such efforts are undertaken by foreign
17 governments, corporations, and special interest groups hiding behind deceptively named
18 super-PAC walls;

19 **WHEREAS**, Michigan currently permits unlimited and undisclosed “issue ads,” and virtually
20 unlimited and undisclosed “vote for” and “vote against” ads;

21 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Michigan Democratic Party supports and will seek
22 passage of legislation requiring complete disclosure of funding on all political media campaign
23 spending, including initial sources of funding, intermediaries, “straw” persons and entities, and
24 all amounts spent, so that We The People may make informed decisions and assess the degree
25 of self-interest and other motivations driving any political media spending.

1 **Resolution calling for Primary Election Reforms to Strengthen Democratic Voter**
2 **Participation**

3 **WHEREAS**, Michigan's current primary election system requires voters to select candidates
4 from only one party throughout the ballot, limiting full participation in key races;

5 **WHEREAS**, in non-competitive electoral divisions the primary of the party favored to win
6 determines the likely winner of the general, making primary participation crucial for Democratic
7 voters to have a meaningful voice;

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9 **WHEREAS**, alternative primary structures, such as those allowing broader voter participation,
10 may help expand voter engagement, ensure stronger Democratic nominees, and increase
competitiveness in general elections;

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12 **WHEREAS**, understanding the potential impacts of different primary models is essential for the
13 Michigan Democratic Party to advance policies that strengthen Democratic representation and
success;

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15 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party will convene a working
16 group to explore potential reforms to Michigan's primary system, including their projected impact
17 on Democratic electoral outcomes and voter engagement, and will report its findings to party
members.

1 **Resolution in support of Ranked Choice Voting**

2 **WHEREAS**, our current voting system is broken, leading to extreme gridlock, poor
3 representation of minority opinions, and a divided America;

4 **WHEREAS**, Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) offers a solution that empowers voters and
5 encourages positive campaigning;

6 **WHEREAS**, several local jurisdictions in Michigan have already approved RCV measures;

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8 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party endorses the adoption of
9 Ranked Choice Voting in Michigan for all local, state, and federal elections; and shall advocate
for state legislation authorizing its use;

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11 **FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party commits to educating
12 Michiganders about RCV, its benefits, and how it works; including collaboration with
organizations like Rank MI Vote to promote awareness of RCV.

**1 Resolution in support of Michigan’s Biological Diversity, Wilderness Heritage, and Native
2 American Relationships**

3 WHEREAS, the USEPA has found that clean air, water, and lands improve worker health,
4 increase real estate values, boost tourism, reduce healthcare costs, and create healthy
5 ecosystems;

6 WHEREAS, research consistently shows that expansion of parks and trailways increases
7 property values, improves the health of our citizens, and strengthens communities;

8 WHEREAS, clean air, water, and biologically diverse parklands and wilderness areas
9 significantly increase tourism, which is essential to Michigan’s economy;

10 WHEREAS, wilderness and wild parklands preserve species, ecosystems, and biological
11 diversity critical to healthy ecosystems;

12 WHEREAS, our Native American nations are a significant under-resourced voting block who
13 have historically lived in harmony with and promoted the biological diversity of our wilderness
14 heritage;

15 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Michigan Democratic Party will foster relationships with
16 our Native American nations;

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Michigan Democratic Party will promote projects such as
18 expanding parklands, expanding wilderness areas, and building interconnected trailways to
19 improve the lives, economy, and health of all Michiganders;

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Michigan Democratic Party will act to promote, protect, and
21 preserve Michigan’s biological diversity and wilderness heritage;

22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Michigan Democratic Party shall act to protect Michigan’s
23 clean air, water, and lands, including by establishing a permanent Biodiversity Committee that
24 includes representation from Michigan’s tribal communities and Native American caucuses.

1 Resolution calling for the Expansion of Michigan's Bottle Bill

2 **WHEREAS**, the carbonated beverage container deposit system approved by the residents of
3 Michigan in 1976 has been extremely successful in creating a 90% average return rate in the
4 five decades it has been in place;

5 **WHEREAS**, non-carbonated beverage containers continue to litter Michigan's roadsides and
6 beaches;

7 **WHEREAS**, the current system does not require all return stations to accept all containers;

8 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party shall call upon the
9 Michigan Legislature to enact legislation that will celebrate the 50th anniversary of the historic
10 1976 vote by Michigan's citizens by:

- 11 1. Expanding the current system to include a wider array of beverage containers, such as
12 water bottles, sports, energy, and caffeinated drinks, juice containers, and plastic milk
13 cartons;
- 14 2. Allowing containers to be returned to any station, not just the location where the
15 beverage was purchased;
- 16 3. Adding incentives (such as a fraction of a cent fee per bottle to retailers who sell
17 single-use plastic containers) that encourage the marketplace to slow the flow of plastic
18 and encourage sustainable substitutes;
- 19 4. Increasing regulatory standards by which corporations must upkeep bottle return
20 machines and the collections system;
- 21 5. Using funds from the expanded bill to assist with other pollution protection and clean-up
22 projects.

1 Resolution in opposition to Out-of-State Shipping of Hazardous Waste to Michigan

2 WHEREAS, Wayne County is one of the most populous counties in Michigan;

3 WHEREAS, a hazardous waste disposal facility in Wayne County is located within a quarter
4 mile of the Huron River watershed, which feeds into Wayne County's drinking water supply;

5 WHEREAS, Wayne County elected officials have introduced legislation to increase tipping fees
6 for companies that ship hazardous nuclear waste to Michigan, in an effort to prohibit ongoing
7 dumping in the state;

8 WHEREAS, Wayne Disposal owns and maintains a hazardous waste landfill in Van Buren
9 Township that accepts technologically enhanced naturally occurring radioactive materials
10 (TENORM);

11 WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is considering the Van Buren Township
12 hazardous waste landfill for ongoing disposal of out-of-state nuclear waste;

13 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Democratic Party demands that the
14 Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy create a management plan and capacity
15 analysis for the Van Buren Township hazardous nuclear waste landfill and the Romulus injection
16 well, and advocate for ongoing water and soil testing for radionuclides in the areas surrounding
17 these sites.

1 Resolution calling for Shutting Down the Line 5 Pipelines in the Straits of Mackinac

2 **WHEREAS**, Enbridge of Canada and its subsidiaries have operated a 4.5-mile, twin pipeline
3 segment of Line 5 in the Straits of Mackinac since 1953 under an Easement with the State of
4 Michigan allowing it to use the State's Great Lakes bottomlands at the Straits;

5 **WHEREAS**, Line 5 pumps 540,000 barrels a day (almost a million gallons an hour) of western
6 Canada shale oil products from Superior, Wisconsin through almost 550 miles of Michigan and
7 across 400 water bodies to Sarnia, Ontario, with only 6% staying within the State at the UP's
8 Rapid River (1300 barrels a day of propane) and at Detroit Marathon (30,000 barrels of crude a
9 day);

10 **WHEREAS**, an Enbridge expert stated in federal court documents (consistent with other
11 independent studies) that shutting down Line 5 would only impact the retail price of gasoline by
12 a half-cent per gallon and the retail price of propane by mere pennies a gallon;

13 **WHEREAS**, the Rapid River propane yard could be alternatively supplied with 1300 barrels of
14 propane each day by means of 4-5 propane trucks or 1-2 rail cars, and the Detroit Marathon
15 Line 5 crude deliveries amount to only 1.5% of the State's gasoline needs;

16 **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Tech study of 2018 concluded that a worst-case spill in the Straits
17 could mean a 2.5 million gallon spill; other studies indicate an oiling of over 700 miles of Great
18 Lakes shoreline with damages for cleanup efforts, lost tourism jobs, diminished property values,
19 and destroyed fisheries totaling over \$6 billion;

20 **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Tech study also documented the wide devastation to the fisheries,
21 wetlands, birds, vegetation, and aquatic life from a Straits oil spill while also noting that an oil
22 recovery of less than 30% could be expected under ideal conditions;

23 **WHEREAS**, Enbridge has no contractual obligation to build the tunnel, and with no definite
24 completion date, the twin pipelines will thus continue to pump indefinitely, earning Enbridge
25 almost \$2 million a day;

26 **WHEREAS**, if ever authorized by the Enbridge Board of Directors (despite current cost
27 estimates over \$1.5 billion), the 4.5-mile tunnel would be 21 feet in diameter, containing a
28 pipeline pumping highly explosive natural gas liquids, thus creating a pipe bomb if a leak occurs
29 inside the enclosed tunnel space;

30 **WHEREAS**, a proposed tunnel provides no protection from a Line 5 spill into the Great Lakes
31 from the other 640 miles of Line 5 (such as the 90-mile segment along US 2 west of St. Ignace)
32 while adding new risks of explosions and spills during construction and tunnel operations;

33 **WHEREAS**, Enbridge has refused to provide a mechanism to guarantee that all potential oil spill
34 victims would be made whole in the event of bankruptcy and thus has failed to honor its 1953
35 Easement promise to indemnify and hold harmless all potential oil spill victims;

36 **WHEREAS**, the Line 5 Straits segment has experienced at least three anchor drags since April
37 2018, and no monitoring can prevent yet another anchor drag in the event of a navigation
38 emergency;

39 **WHEREAS**, over 30,000 tourism jobs in northern Michigan are at risk should Line 5 rupture.
40 The proposed tunnel project will only create about 200 temporary construction jobs (mostly for
41 out-state tunnel contractors) that will disappear when construction is completed over a projected
42 3-4 year build;

43 **WHEREAS**, the 1953 Easement gives the Governor the authority to terminate it in the event
44 Enbridge has not complied with its written promises;

45 **WHEREAS**, by letter dated November 13, 2020, Governor Whitmer revoked the 1953
46 Easement based on her obligations under the Michigan public trust doctrine and based on
47 Enbridge's numerous uncorrectable violations of the easement, making Enbridge a trespasser
48 on our lake bottomlands;

49 **WHEREAS**, Enbridge is appealing a federal court decision ordering it to stop trespassing on the
50 Bad River Band's lands by June 2026 and is also facing an eviction order in Michigan State
51 court filed by Attorney General Nessel for failing to have the 1953 Easement approved under
52 the Michigan public trust doctrine;

53 **WHEREAS**, the evidence is clear that the operation of Line 5 moves Alberta oil to Ontario,
54 posing an imminent and great risk to the Great Lakes by using "Pure Michigan" as a shortcut,
55 while providing minimal State benefits;

56 **WHEREAS**, the transition from fossil fuels to renewable energy sources to reduce the dangers
57 of global warming has progressed to the point that new investments in expensive oil and gas
58 infrastructure will likely be a wasted and stranded asset by 2050;

59 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party supports Governor
60 Gretchen Whitmer's well-founded decision to revoke the 1953 Easement and supports her and
61 Attorney General Dana Nessel's efforts to shut down the Line 5 twin pipelines in the Straits of
62 Mackinac;

63 **FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party calls for immediate action
64 by the US Secretary of Transportation and other federal and state regulators to decommission
65 and remove Line 5 such that no oil pipeline rupture threatens a devastating oil spill anywhere in
66 the Great Lakes.

1 Resolution calling for Legislation for PFAS Testing and Mitigation

2 WHEREAS, chemicals commonly known as PFAS were routinely used in manufacturing
3 processes and in foam materials used in firefighting;

4 WHEREAS, these PFAS are called “forever chemicals” because of their extremely slow
5 breakdown rate;

6 WHEREAS, in June 2022 the EPA issued a statement that negative health effects may occur
7 when PFAS are detected in drinking water even at extremely low concentration levels;

8 WHEREAS, the CDC has stated that prolonged exposure to PFAS can have adverse health
9 effects like liver damage, reproductive difficulties, and growth and developmental challenges;

10 WHEREAS, many communities around the State of Michigan are detecting levels of PFAS in
11 drinking water supplies;

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Michigan Democratic Party calls for state legislation
13 authorizing widespread PFAS testing for Michigan communities, providing funding for necessary
14 mitigation efforts, and assisting citizens affected by prolonged PFAS exposure.

**1 Resolution in opposition to a Proposed Potash Mine in Osceola County and Mecosta
2 County**

3 **WHEREAS**, a proposed solution-mining activity by the Michigan Potash & Salt Company will
4 consume and destroy millions of gallons of Michigan groundwater with the potential for serious
5 negative impacts to 15,000 acres of valuable wetlands in Osceola County and Mecosta County;

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7 **WHEREAS**, the impacts of water destruction include water table draw-downs; reduced flows to
8 wetlands, creeks, and the Muskegon River; brine intrusion; possible contamination of aquifers;

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10 **WHEREAS**, this mine is five miles from the Blue Triton (formerly Nestle) groundwater extraction
11 plant, and will extract over 500% more water per day than the Blue Triton plant;

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13 **WHEREAS**, the solution-mining process involves a process similar to fracking: pumping
14 massive volumes of fresh water through cavities created within a salt formation 8,000 feet below
15 ground to dissolve the various salts including potash, then piping the resultant concentrated
16 brines to a refinery where the water is boiled away, condensed, used to re-dissolve unwanted
17 salts, and ends as unusable brine deposited 5,500 feet below ground into Class 1 Injection
18 Wells, sealed away and removed from our hydrological system forever unless there is a
19 containment breach;

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21 **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Potash & Salt Company project has received \$1.3 billion in
22 government funding, including \$50 million from the State of Michigan for road development, \$80
23 million from the US Department of Agriculture to support industrial/corporate farming, \$1.23
24 billion in a commitment from the US Department of Energy for a loan guarantee, as well as as
25 direct-sales committment from multi-billion dollar food-processing company
26 Archer-Daniels-Midland;

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28 **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has
29 not required Michigan Potash & Salt Company to do any hydrogeological test borings or
30 mapping of shallow aquifers, has allowed the continued use of data from 30 years ago, is
31 allowing more permits for injection wells (from 3 to 23), is allowing 2 air-pollution permits that
32 allow dangerous particles into the air, and is allowing the use of computer-based modules
33 (Water Withdrawal Assessment Tool) to claim a combined pumping withdrawal of 1380 gallons
34 per minute without any on-site assessment to verify extraction rates are held within permitted
35 levels;

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37 **WHEREAS**, past practice was to apply the Triple Bottom Line framework to balance the
38 priorities of profits, people, and the planet;

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40 **WHEREAS**, 40 years of transformation and mal-administration of the Michigan Department of
41 Environmental Quality (now the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and
42 Energy) from the Engler administration to today has gutted environmental laws and turned the

43 department's regulatory focus away from ecological protection and enforcement, and toward
44 facilitating the exploitation of the state's natural environment for private economic gain,
45 particularly in regard to mining activities;

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47 **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Democratic Party values the viability of small farmers and producers
48 through sustainability in farming practices;

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50 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party will encourage
51 Michigan's executive branch, Legislature, and other related entities within state government to
52 improve the standards of EGLE and reinstate ecological protection and enforcement as its
53 priority rather than facilitating private economic gain;

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55 **FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party will encourage Michigan's
56 executive branch, Legislature, and other related entities within state government to prioritize
57 using tax dollars to support small farmers and producers, instead of corporations;

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59 **FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party will urge that encourage
60 Michigan's executive branch, Legislature, and other related entities within state government to
61 apply the Triple Bottom Line framework to the evaluation of large project proposals, and to
62 codify it where possible into laws, rules, and procedures.

1 Resolution in opposition to the Construction of the Saab Manufacturing Facility

2 WHEREAS, Michigan is providing a \$3.5 million grant for a Saab weapons facility to be built in
3 Grayling, despite global concerns over the inaccuracy of Saab's shoulder-fired munitions and
4 their potential harm to civilians;

5 WHEREAS, Grayling residents are already facing water contamination due to toxic PFAS
6 "forever chemicals" in their water supply;

7 WHEREAS, Saab plans to test weapons in the area, further endangering the health of residents
8 and the ecosystems of the Au Sable and Manistee Rivers;

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Democratic Party urges elected Democrats
10 to oppose the expansion of the Camp Grayling facility for the construction and testing of
11 weapons that pose long-term risks to the health of Michigan residents.

1 Resolution calling for Local Control of Bans on Single-Use Plastics

2 WHEREAS, the state of Michigan borders on 80% of the freshwater in the United States and
3 20% of the world's freshwater;

4 WHEREAS, scientific evidence now confirms that plastic pollution is pervasive in the
5 environment;

6 WHEREAS, microplastic pollution such as from single-use plastics makes up the bulk of all
7 plastics found on shorelines, including hundreds of miles of Great Lakes shorelines;

8 WHEREAS, based on findings of a scientific assessment of plastic pollution, the Canadian
9 government added manufactured plastics to the Canadian Environmental Act (CEPA) of 1999
10 and has subsequently banned the sale, manufacture, and import of single-use plastics;

11 WHEREAS, legislation was introduced in 2023 to reinstate local governing units' ability to
12 establish local bans on single-use plastics but did not pass both chambers of the state
13 legislature;

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Democratic Party shall advocate for the
15 repeal as soon as possible of the statute prohibiting local entities from banning single-use
16 plastics, to protect this irreplaceable part of Michigan's environment, economy, and quality of
17 life.

**1 Resolution in support of Law Implemented to Allow the Michigan Public Service
2 Commission to Site Large Solar and Wind Facilities**

3 WHEREAS, the rise in global temperatures is leading to more and larger catastrophic climate
4 events such as hurricanes, tornadoes, droughts, and wildfires;

5 WHEREAS, climate scientists recognize that human use of fossil fuels has caused the rise in
6 those temperatures;

7 WHEREAS, renewable energy sources such as solar and wind have been proven to be efficient
8 in energy production, thus eliminating the need for fossil fuels;

9 WHEREAS, many local units of government have chosen to enact zoning requirements that
10 effectively zone out and/or severely restrict any development of solar, wind, and battery storage
11 within their boundaries;

12 WHEREAS, these restrictions unfairly hamper the local landowners that wish to lease land for
13 solar, wind, or battery storage;

14 WHEREAS, these restrictions unfairly hamper the State of Michigan's ability to meet its
15 renewable energy goals;

16 WHEREAS, Public Act 233 was signed into law by Democratic Governor Gretchen Whitmer on
17 Nov. 28, 2023, to allow the Michigan Public Service Commission to determine siting of
18 utility-scale solar facilities of 50 megawatts or greater and wind facilities of 100 megawatts or
19 greater when local units of government have set zoning restrictions incompatible with solar and
20 wind energy development;

21 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Democratic Party strongly supports the
22 continuing implementation of PA 233;

23 FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Democratic Party reminds each Michigan
24 county of its responsibility to help generate the electricity needed for its citizens and industries.

1 **Resolution in support of Solidarity with Palestinians in Gaza and the International**

2 **Criminal Court**

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4 **WHEREAS**, acknowledging the Human disaster and the unfolded military aggression taking
5 place in Gaza since 10/2023 by the IDF.

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7 **WHEREAS**, recognizing the importance of the international laws to maintain peace, stability and
8 protect human rights even in war time.

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10 **WHEREAS**, affirming that massive killing, using starvation as a weapon in war, forcing
11 displacement on civilians, destroying infrastructure and prevent humanitarian aids are a war
12 crime.

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14 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party:

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16 1. Expresses its solidarity with the Palestinians under attack in Gaza, the
17 Americans, and Israeli Hostages too and commitment to advocate for the already
18 accepted ceasefire;

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20 2. Recognizes the valuable contributions of ICC role, actions, and process to apply
21 and protect human rights and to bring justice to victims.

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23 3. Welcoming the ICC dissection and recommends to call upon all relevant
24 authorities in the United States to respect, uphold honor and execute the ICC
25 arrest warrant for the Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his former
26 defense minister Yoav Gallant for war crimes and crimes against humanity.

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28 **FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party will send a copy of this
29 resolution to members of Congress in Washington DC and demand them to adopt the core of
30 this resolution in their action in the future.

**1 Resolution in support of Ending Complicity in Genocide and Preventing Further Ethnic
2 Cleansing in Gaza and Palestine**

3 WHEREAS, the United States of America is a signatory to, and ratified on November 4, 1988,
4 the 1948 UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide
5 (Genocide Convention), making its provisions legally binding under international law;

6 WHEREAS, Article I of the Genocide Convention obligates all signatories to “undertake to
7 prevent and to punish” the crime of genocide;

8 WHEREAS, Article III of the Genocide Convention explicitly criminalizes complicity in genocide;

9 WHEREAS, Article IV establishes that any person—whether a government official, private
10 individual, or corporate entity—who participates in genocide or its facilitation must be held
11 accountable;

12 WHEREAS, under U.S. law, including the Foreign Assistance Act, Arms Export Control Act, and
13 Leahy Law, the provision of military assistance is prohibited to foreign entities engaged in gross
14 violations of human rights, including genocide;

15 WHEREAS, the United States government continues to provide military aid and arms to
16 governments accused of genocide and other violations of international humanitarian law, in
17 contradiction of its treaty obligations and domestic laws;

18 WHEREAS, the International Court of Justice (ICJ) has jurisdiction over cases arising from the
19 Genocide Convention and has issued rulings requiring states to take proactive measures to
20 prevent genocide—as seen in its January 2024 decision, which found it plausible that Israel is
21 engaged in genocidal acts in the Gaza Strip and ordered immediate provisional measures to
22 protect the Palestinian people;

23 WHEREAS, the January 2024 ruling of the ICJ put the world on notice that a genocide was
24 potentially taking place in Gaza, thereby triggering an obligation on all countries to take
25 proactive measures to prevent genocide;

26 WHEREAS, independent investigations by international human rights groups, including Human
27 Rights Watch and Amnesty International, have concluded that Israel is committing multiple acts
28 of genocide against the people of Gaza according to the Genocide Convention;

29 WHEREAS, for 15 months the forced displacement of Palestinians—evacuated only to face
30 lethal conditions elsewhere—has caused profound mental and physical harm and imposed
31 living conditions intended to destroy the group, constituting acts of genocide under the
32 Genocide Convention;

33 WHEREAS, current policies of forced and expansive displacement of the people of Gaza, an

34 act of genocide according to the Genocide Convention, are being promoted by President Trump
35 in collaboration with the State of Israel;

36 **WHEREAS**, Michigan, as a state within the U.S., bears a legal and moral responsibility to
37 ensure that its institutions and policies align with the principles of the Genocide Convention and
38 U.S. law;

39 **WHEREAS**, disassociation from entities complicit in genocide is not only a legal obligation but
40 also a moral imperative;

41 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party supports an immediate
42 arms embargo against any country facing open cases of genocide at the International Court of
43 Justice (ICJ) for the duration of the case and while the accused government or regime remains
44 in power;

45 **FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party supports, and will stand in
46 opposition to, any policy of genocidal forced displacement of native peoples, including but not
47 limited to Gazans in Palestine;

48 **FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party urges the Michigan
49 Legislative Delegation, Governor, and other elected Democrats to:

- 50 1. Introduce and support legislation ensuring that Michigan institutions, including public
51 universities, pension funds, and state contracts, disassociate from companies,
52 institutions, or individuals reasonably determined to be complicit in genocide;
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- 54 2. Establish a statewide task force to review Michigan's financial, institutional, and trade
55 relationships to ensure compliance with the Genocide Convention and related U.S. laws;
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- 57 3. Promote transparency by requiring public reporting on any associations with entities
58 implicated in genocide or human rights violations;
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- 60 4. Introduce and support legislation for a U.S. arms embargo against any country or groups
61 responsible for and enabling genocide;
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- 63 5. Introduce and support legislation in Congress to oppose policies of genocidal forced
64 displacement of native peoples in Gaza, Palestine, and elsewhere in the world.

1 Resolution in support of the Medicare for All Acts Legislation

2 **WHEREAS**, although the Affordable Care Act allowed healthcare coverage for millions of
3 additional people and our healthcare practitioners can perform great deeds, it is in a state of
4 crisis;

5 **WHEREAS**, the COVID pandemic, natural disasters, divorce, corporate bankruptcies, and
6 cyclical employment crises have clearly shown that no one's health nor their health insurance is
7 secure, with 496,000 uninsured in Michigan, 26 million Americans without health insurance, and
8 an additional 26 million underinsured nationally;

9 **WHEREAS**, our employer-based, profit-driven healthcare delivery system rations healthcare
10 according to ability to pay. It allows, approximately, thirty thousand people to die every year for
11 lack of coverage and has diminished our overall health to the point that the U.S. ranks 35th in
12 the world in health outcomes, and even worse for infant mortality and life expectancy, yet ranks
13 first in healthcare costs;

14 **WHEREAS**, without new strategies, the never-ending rising costs of healthcare continue to
15 challenge the already strapped budgets of our public and private employers. We have tried all
16 the profit-driven healthcare insurance industries' attempts at controlling rising costs such as
17 PPOs, HMOs, HSAs, HRAs, bigger deductibles, higher copays, and coinsurance costs. These
18 attempts ultimately only benefited the insurance industry's bottom line while leaving employers,
19 employees, and retirees with more expensive or unaffordable healthcare;

20 **WHEREAS**, the Medicare for All Acts legislation builds upon and expands Medicare to provide
21 additional comprehensive medical benefits to every person in the United States. Coverage
22 includes primary care, vision, dental, prescription drugs, mental health, substance abuse,
23 long-term services and supports, and reproductive health care without paying deductibles,
24 premiums, or copays. The Acts also include universal coverage of long-term care with no
25 cost-sharing for older Americans and individuals with disabilities and prioritize home and
26 community-based care over institutional care. Importantly, the legislation eliminates the
27 administrative waste and exorbitant profits of our profit-driven healthcare and will reduce
28 prescription drug prices by requiring negotiations on drug prices. The Medicare for All Acts
29 would take this annual \$500 billion savings and redirect it into providing comprehensive
30 universal healthcare to all who live in the United States;

31 **WHEREAS**, in Michigan, as throughout our country, Black, Latino, Indigenous peoples,
32 underserved communities, and both our rural and urban communities suffer from significant
33 healthcare disparities and lack of access to healthcare providers. People of color have been
34 hospitalized at high rates due to COVID-19 and suffered death at rates alarmingly higher than
35 would be predicted for their population sizes in Michigan. These communities would see
36 reductions in healthcare disparities by having easy access to comprehensive, universal
37 healthcare, provided by the Medicare for All Acts legislation without the interruptions in care
38 present in our employer-based, profit-driven healthcare;

39 **WHEREAS**, the proposals to fund the Medicare for All Acts legislation are based on a
40 graduated tax structure which requires everyone to pay their fair share in taxes, based upon our
41 ability to pay. This means 99% of us will actually be saving thousands of dollars we currently
42 pay for healthcare because we will no longer pay for premiums, deductibles, copays, and
43 coinsurance costs. Those of us who earn \$29,000 annually or less will not pay any additional
44 taxes for this healthcare. Unions and employers will no longer be required to negotiate
45 healthcare plans;

46 **WHEREAS**, the Medicare for All Acts legislation is the only healthcare system that can provide
47 expanded universal coverage, save us money, control costs, eliminate healthcare inequalities,
48 provide us true freedom of choice, and prepare us for the healthcare challenges of the future.
49 These are the values upon which this legislation is based; the focus is on people and
50 communities, not revenues and profits;

51 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party supports the Medicare
52 for All Acts legislation and will work in collaboration with other Michigan counties, cities,
53 townships, allied groups, and elected officials to ensure the passage of this legislation.

54 **FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that signed and dated copies of this resolution be sent, on
55 Michigan Democratic Party letterhead, to Michigan's Governor and U.S. Senators, the United
56 States President and Vice President, the Michigan Congressional Delegation, and the Michigan
57 Democratic Party's affiliate organizations. Copies of the above communications will be
58 forwarded to Michigan for Single Payer Healthcare: 9200 36th Street S., Scotts, MI 49088.

1 **Resolution in support of Preventing Veteran Suicide**

2 **WHEREAS**, a recent National Veterans Suicide Report with data as of 2022 indicates that
3 despite sustained federal focus, veteran suicide rates have remained alarmingly unchanged;

4 **WHEREAS**, the suicide rate for veterans in 2022 actually increased 2% year-over-year;

5 **WHEREAS**, as of 2022, suicide was the 2nd-leading cause of death for veterans under the age
6 of 45;

7 **WHEREAS**, of the over 47,000 suicides in 2022 among all adults in the United States, veteran
8 suicides comprised over 13% of the total, despite veterans representing only about 6% of the
9 US population;

10 **WHEREAS**, recently separated veterans experienced even higher suicide rates than other
11 Veterans;

12 **WHEREAS**, suicide rates among homeless veterans were over 100% higher than housed
13 Veterans;

14 **WHEREAS**, the suicide rate was 75% higher for veterans with military sexual trauma;

15 **WHEREAS**, among Veterans who contacted the Veterans Crisis Line in 2021, the suicide rate
16 over the next month was double the 12-month rate among all veterans;

17 **WHEREAS**, 3 out of every 4 Michigan veterans who commit suicide do so using a firearm,
18 highlighting the need for targeted intervention strategies;

19 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party (MDP) commits to
20 directly supporting the MDP Veterans & Military Families Caucus in combating the ongoing
21 crisis of veteran suicide in Michigan and across the country;

22 **FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the MDP will support initiatives aimed at preventing veteran
23 suicide, including advocating for increased access to mental health resources, firearm safety
24 programs, and comprehensive support for recently separated and homeless veterans;

25 **FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the MDP urges state and federal leaders to take immediate
26 action to expand suicide prevention efforts, address key risk factors among vulnerable veteran
27 populations, and ensure that all Michigan veterans receive the care and support they need.

**1 Resolution calling for a Ban on Weapons Designed for Combat and Weapons Often Used
2 in Mass Shootings**

3 WHEREAS, the major gun manufacturers have reaped profits of over \$1 billion in the last
4 decade;

5 WHEREAS, gun manufacturers use dangerous marketing tactics to sell weapons to the public,
6 such as marketing to young people, preying on the insecurities of men, and appealing to white
7 supremacists;

8 WHEREAS, the number of weapons designed for combat and weapons often used in mass
9 shootings in private hands has increased to nearly 20 million;

10 WHEREAS, the only purpose of weapons designed for combat and weapons often used in
11 mass shootings is to injure or kill a large number of people in a short period of time;

12 WHEREAS, as a society, we have no greater purpose than to ensure the safety of our families,
13 children, communities, and schools;

14 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Democratic Party strongly supports
15 legislation that will criminalize the manufacture, sale, purchase, importation, transfer, or
16 possession of weapons designed for combat and weapons often used in mass shootings, large
17 capacity magazines, unserialized “ghost guns”, or any modification such as a bump stock;

18 FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Democratic Party strongly supports legislation
19 that will only allow authorized public safety officers and government military personnel, who are
20 well-trained and certified, to possess and use in the state of Michigan weapons designed for
21 combat and weapons often used in mass shootings;

22 FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that the Michigan Democratic Party strongly supports legislation
23 and prosecution holding negligent gun owners responsible for the actions of children in their
24 care.

**1 Resolution calling for a Statewide Program to Buy-Back Weapons Designed for Combat
2 and Weapons Often Used in Mass Shootings**

3 WHEREAS, a tremendous number of weapons designed for combat and weapons often used in
4 mass shootings are already privately owned;

5 WHEREAS, government-operated “buy back” programs have been an effective incentive in
6 reducing privately-owned weapons designed for combat and weapons often used in mass
7 shootings in US states as well as countries such as New Zealand, Australia, the United
8 Kingdom, and Canada;

9 WHEREAS, reducing the number of privately owned weapons designed for combat and
10 weapons often used in mass shootings could lead to fewer mass shootings, gun deaths, and
11 suicides;

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Democratic Party shall call for legislation to
13 create and fund a permanent statewide “buy back” program in Michigan operated by the
14 relevant State of Michigan authorities.

1 Resolution in support of Foster Care System Reform

2 WHEREAS, foster care benefits in the current system cease at age 18;

3 WHEREAS, an 18-year-old is not likely to have the ability to financially support themselves;

4 WHEREAS, without some extra help and support, many 18-year-olds face the possibility of
5 homelessness;

6 WHEREAS, programs such as free community college allow young people to gain knowledge
7 and/or skills to help them succeed if they are able to attend;

8 WHEREAS, many programs, rules, and laws view adulthood as age 21;

9 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Democratic Party supports an independent
10 review of the foster care system rules for possible changes, to include extension of the program
11 to age 21.

1 Resolution in support of Intellectual Freedom

2 **WHEREAS**, every person has the right to access information, privately or publicly, in all formats
3 from all points of view;

4 **WHEREAS**, such inquiry allows every person to form their own ideas and opinions;

5 **WHEREAS**, the right to conduct such inquiries, broadly termed Intellectual Freedom, is
6 enshrined in both the U.S. Constitution (U.S. Constitution, Amendment 1) and the Michigan
7 Constitution of 1963 (MCL Article 1 Section 5);

8 **WHEREAS**, the Michigan constitutional provision expressly provides that “every person may
9 freely speak, write, express and publish his views on all subjects”;

10 **WHEREAS**, as stated by James Madison, principal author of the Bill of Rights, “a popular
11 government, without information, or the means of acquiring it, is but a prologue to a farce, or a
12 tragedy, or perhaps both”;

13 **WHEREAS**, between July 2021 and June 2022, 41 books were banned across four Michigan
14 school boards;

15 **WHEREAS**, in 2023, Michigan recorded at least 42 attempts to ban or restrict books (67 titles);

16 **WHEREAS**, the politicization of local library boards, county commissions, and school boards to
17 suppress intellectual freedom is a preventable threat to the fundamental charge of government
18 to protect our and our children’s rights to inquire, learn, and choose individual opinions;

19 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party affirms its support of
20 intellectual freedom in libraries and schools;

21 **FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party encourages enforcement of
22 the First Amendment to prohibit outside influencers from restricting or prohibiting books;

23 **FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, the Michigan Democratic Party denounces and condemns the
24 suppression of knowledge or opinion by any unit of government or public body.

25 <https://patch.com/michigan/across-mi/67-titles-challenged-book-bans-mi-2020-23>

26 <https://firstamendment.mtsu.edu/article/james-madison/>

1 Resolution in support of Local Control of Vacation Rentals

2 WHEREAS, some legislators in Lansing seek to remove the control of vacation rental properties
3 from local governments;

4 WHEREAS, companies and groups of individuals are buying current residential homes in resort
5 communities and using them as vacation rentals, thus removing necessary worker housing;

6 WHEREAS, vacation rentals may negatively impact local neighborhoods in such ways as:
7 increased local traffic, increased noise, an increase in local rental rates, and property value
8 increases or decreases;

9 WHEREAS, the local elected officials are most knowledgeable about the positive and negative
10 effects of vacation rentals in their communities;

11 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Democratic Party supports legislation that
12 keeps the control of vacation rentals in the hands of local communities.

**1 Resolution calling for Expanding Transparency in Local Government Through
2 Broadcasts, Recordings, and Written Records of Public Body Meetings**

3 WHEREAS, many local governments and public bodies meet at times inconvenient for the
4 general public to attend;

5 WHEREAS, minutes of many local governments and public bodies are only published in
6 minimal and abbreviated form;

7 WHEREAS, good government is transparent government;

8 WHEREAS, many units of government in Michigan have already equipped their meeting rooms
9 with recording equipment to broadcast meetings live; and these units regularly post video of
10 meetings for the public to review;

11 WHEREAS, broadcast equipment is readily available, inexpensive, and commonly used;

12 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Democratic Party calls on all governments
13 and public bodies in the State of Michigan to live-broadcast their meetings online and post
14 recorded video of meetings for later viewing;

15 FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Democratic Party shall actively engage with
16 the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Association of Townships, the Michigan
17 Association of Counties, the Michigan Association of School Boards, and other associations and
18 organizations that provide support to local government, to make Michigan a model for the nation
19 in citizen access to the proceedings of local government bodies.

**1 Resolution in opposition to President Donald J. Trump's Blanket Pardon of
2 Insurrectionists Who Committed Crimes at the United States Capitol on January 6th, 2021**

3 WHEREAS, the former and current President of the United States, Donald J. Trump, refused to
4 acknowledge losing the 2020 presidential election and convinced many of his supporters that
5 the election was stolen;

6 WHEREAS, he called on those supporters to travel to Washington, D.C., to protest and delay
7 the certification of his 2020 election loss;

8 WHEREAS, at a rally on January 6th, 2021, President Trump utilized inflammatory rhetoric and
9 called on his supporters to march to the Capitol as Congress was voting to certify the 2020
10 presidential election;

11 WHEREAS, President Trump's supporters marched to the United States Capitol, where they
12 pushed through barriers and assaulted law enforcement to enter the building; and once inside,
13 they continued to attack law enforcement, destroyed property, and desecrated the halls of
14 American democracy;

15 WHEREAS, many of the insurrectionists were charged and convicted of the crimes they
16 committed on January 6th, 2021, including assault, seditious conspiracy, theft, and disruption of
17 Congress;

18 WHEREAS, on January 20th, 2025, President Donald J. Trump pardoned over 1,500 people
19 charged or convicted of crimes committed on January 6th, 2021;

20 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Democratic Party condemns the pardoning
21 of January 6th insurrectionists who sought to overturn a free and fair election by violent means.

1 Resolution to Recognize the Life and Legacy of President Jimmy Carter

2 WHEREAS, President Jimmy Carter served as President of the United States from 1977 to
3 1981;

4 WHEREAS, President Jimmy Carter passed away after a lifetime of service to this country on
5 December 29, 2024;

6 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Democratic Party recognizes the legacy
7 and impact of President Jimmy Carter to the people of the United States and the world as a
8 president and humanitarian;

9 FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Michigan Democratic Party shall send an
10 official letter of condolence and recognition to the Carter family and estate on behalf of the
11 Party.

**1 Resolution in opposition to Non-Advisory Presidential Appointees and Executive Branch
2 Access to Citizens' Personal Data**

3 **WHEREAS**, traditionally American presidents have been allowed to hire advisors and create
4 commissions;

5 **WHEREAS**, traditionally the role of those persons hired has been strictly limited to advising the
6 President on those specific areas;

7 **WHEREAS**, traditionally those persons hired have been required to undergo a rigorous security
8 clearance process;

9 **WHEREAS**, those persons are appointed and not elected officials;

10 **WHEREAS**, the Trump administration created the Department of Government Efficiency
11 (DOGE) and placed Elon Musk as its head;

12 **WHEREAS**, the DOGE has been given unlimited access to data on the personal and private
13 information of American citizens;

14 **WHEREAS**, Elon Musk's purpose is to cut government by any means possible;

15 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party strongly opposes the
16 actions of the DOGE and any future Executive department, agency, or commission that attempts
17 to operate in any manner other than an advisory role;

18 **FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party strongly urges the
19 Congressional Delegation to use all lawful methods to shut down the extraordinary measures
20 being used by the DOGE.

1 Resolution to Make Precinct Delegates An Organized Institution of the Party

2 **WHEREAS**, Precinct Delegates are the most important part of any effort to operate a ground
3 game for Party candidates at every level of government, from School Board to President of the
4 United States;

5 **WHEREAS**, elections are won at the local level, and Precinct Delegates are the closest elected
6 officials to registered voters in a personal, neighborly, knock-on-the-door manner;

7 **WHEREAS**, the importance of Precinct Delegates has diminished as a key player in the Party
8 structure, and this shall be reversed and embedded in our bylaws and in our way of doing party
9 business and decisions;

10 **WHEREAS**, Precinct Delegates shall be recruited, trained, educated, and made to feel that their
11 precinct-level point of view is honored and encouraged;

12 **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Democratic Party recognizes that the voting precinct is the smallest
13 political unit in the country;

14 **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Democratic Party acknowledges that Michigan contains 83 counties,
15 274 cities, 1,242 townships, 261 villages, and over 5,000 voting precincts. These precincts are
16 made up of residents from a geographic area that includes approximately 1,500 registered
17 voters—neighbors, co-workers, family members, and all registered voters who vote at the same
18 location: The Precinct;

19 **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Democratic Party agrees that the Precinct Delegate is an elected
20 local representative of the Democratic Party. Effective Precinct Delegates are charged with
21 working within their neighborhood to engage and inform voters and to turn out the vote;

22 **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Democratic Party agrees that the role of a Precinct Delegate is one of
23 the most important of any elected office;

24 **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Democratic Party agrees that Precinct Delegates are closer to their
25 community than any other elected official;

26 **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Democratic Party agrees that a core of active Precinct Delegates
27 wins elections for the Party and Precinct Delegates should be the foundation of the Party
28 structure;

29 **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Democratic Party agrees that the lack of Precinct Delegates leads to
30 lower voter turnout in under-served neighborhoods, especially in midterm and local elections;

31 **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Democratic Party agrees that fewer Precinct Delegates can also
32 reinforce the perception of a "top-down" Party structure and lack of grassroots community-level
33 participation. A Bottom-Up party structure should be the goal;

34 **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Democratic Club appreciates the pivotal role that Precinct Delegates
35 play in the ground game of the Democratic Party;

36 **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Democratic Party appreciates that Precinct Delegates make up a
37 significant number of the most ardent activists for Democratic candidates at all levels;

38 **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Democratic Party recognizes that the formal role of Precinct
39 Delegates has been reduced at conventions and other levels of the Party;

40 **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Democratic Party is advocating for raising the status and involvement
41 of Democratically elected Precinct Delegates at every level of the Party;

42 As the elected official closest to registered voters at the precinct level, Precinct Delegates need
43 to be recruited, educated, prioritized, and trained by the MDP. They shall be elevated to the level
44 of their importance in implementing a ground game at the base level of registered voters;

45 **WHEREAS**, the Michigan Democratic Party asserts that some of the biggest mistakes of the
46 Party in the 2024 election were having too many decisions made by the top of the Party and not
47 engaging effectively with the core of the Party: Precinct Delegates;

48 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party shall build a permanent
49 infrastructure dedicated to the recruitment, training, and ongoing support of precinct delegates
50 as an organized structure of the Party;

51 **FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that this permanent infrastructure shall include policies,
52 education, resource allocation, and accessibility for Precinct Delegates to become the core of
53 organizing and communicating at the base level of the Party, thus elevating and institutionalizing
54 the Precinct Delegate to the level of its importance.

55 **FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Michigan Democratic Party shall implement party
56 campaigns that are Bottom-Up rather than Top-Down, where the Party shall use Precinct
57 Delegates as its communication agents, and campaigns shall recruit and hire Precinct
58 Delegates as local activists to run campaign offices instead of hiring staff from out-of-state or
59 out-of-area who don't know the community where they are working.

**1 Resolution to Require a Virtual Attendance & Voting Option to MDP State Central
2 Meetings, Conventions, and Constituent Meetings**

3 WHEREAS, the Michigan Democratic Party needs to increase membership and participation in
4 the Party across the state;

5 WHEREAS, driving from the far corners of our great state is a barrier to the participation of
6 many Democrats, especially those with young children, those who are older and prefer not to
7 drive long distances, and those for whom the cost of long drives and overnight stays is
8 burdensome or prohibitive;

9 WHEREAS, Governor Whitmer's MI Healthy Climate Plan has the goal of reaching 100%
10 carbon neutrality by 2050, and providing a virtual option for meetings sets an example of steps
11 Michiganders can take to reduce the use of fossil fuels;

12 WHEREAS, technology has improved so that virtual and hybrid meetings are easy and efficient
13 ways to encourage attendance and participation, as evidenced by the many groups that now
14 hold such meetings, including many of the MDP's constituent groups such as the caucuses;

15 WHEREAS, the technology for remote voting is safe, proven, and efficient, and allows for more
16 MDP members to have a voting voice in party decisions;

17 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Democratic Party's conventions (including
18 caucus meetings, district meetings, committee meetings, and other attendant component
19 meetings of a convention), State Central Committee meetings, and other constituent meetings
20 shall provide a virtual attendance option, and a remote virtual voting option.