

Sample Resolutions for 2012 Minnesota Caucuses

NASW-MN PACE Committee

NASW-MN Legislative Priorities

WHEREAS basic civil rights are critical for all people; and
WHEREAS the Minnesota Constitution exists, in part, to guarantee the equal protection of the law to all citizens
BE IT RESOLVED that any amendment of the Minnesota Constitution to ban the marriage of same-sex couples be opposed.

WHEREAS the requirement for a balanced budget is already in the Minnesota Constitution,
WHEREAS flexibility to respond to unpredictable fiscal challenges will be severely crippled,
WHEREAS allowing a minority of legislators to block legislation will lead to more gridlock,
WHEREAS State funding of human service programs is becoming more and more tenuous,
BE IT RESOLVED that any amendment to the Minnesota Constitution that would require a supermajority vote in both houses of the Legislature to raise taxes be opposed

WHEREAS Minnesota consistently has the best voter turnout record in the country; and
WHEREAS The only illegality a photo ID would prevent is registered voter impersonation; and
WHEREAS There is no recorded case of registered voter impersonation in Minnesota – ever;
WHEREAS Requiring a government-issued photo ID before a registered voter is allowed to vote would be an unnecessary expense for the poor and an unnecessary hardship for many seniors and disabled voters, college students, minorities and members of the military; and
WHEREAS Including election procedures in the Minnesota Constitution would clutter up that document;
BE IT RESOLVED that a constitutional amendment to require a registered voter to present a photo I.D. in order to vote be opposed

Additional Resolutions

Health Care

WHEREAS health care continues to be a major concern for all;
WHEREAS health care and dental coverage should be universal, affordable, accessible and comprehensive;
BE IT RESOLVED that the state of Minnesota adopt the Minnesota Health Care Act, which replaces the current insurance/HMO payment model with a single payer system.

Mental Health

WHEREAS all mental health professionals need to be fairly compensated to ensure that public clients have access to appropriate mental health services;
WHEREAS licensed social workers make up a major portion of the mental health care delivery system, particularly in hard to service areas of the state;
BE IT RESOLVED that full parity be established within the health care system for mental health, behavioral health and substance abuse prevention and treatment, including increased State funding of mental health services.

Civil Rights

WHEREAS basic civil rights are critical for all people;
BE IT RESOLVED that public policies that discriminate against people by ethnicity, national origin, color, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, marital status, political affiliation, religion, or mental, physical or developmental disability be opposed.

WHEREAS basic civil rights are critical for all people;
BE IT RESOLVED that an equitable social welfare policy that does not discriminate against status as a citizen, refugee or documented/un-documented immigrant be supported.

Child Welfare

WHEREAS every child deserves to grow up in a safe and nurturing environment;
WHEREAS there have been extensive federal cuts in funding in child welfare services;
BE IT RESOLVED that the child welfare system increases its investment in early childhood education as well as effective child abuse and neglect prevention and intervention programs.

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WHEREAS there have been extensive federal cuts in funding in child welfare services;
BE IT RESOLVED that public policy be supported that will end racial disparities within the child welfare system.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the State assume increased fiscal responsibility in addressing child welfare, including the reduction of client case-loads and increased funding for MN crisis nurseries through a specific budget line item.

Tax and Fiscal Policy

WHEREAS there must be sufficient revenue to pay for basic human services;
WHEREAS inflation should be a factor in determining the state's economic forecast of both revenue and expense calculations;
WHEREAS current revenue streams do not provide for these services;
BE IT RESOLVED that revenue should be raised to meet the state's responsibility.

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BE IT RESOLVED that tax credits and other tax policies should support low income families.

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WHEREAS current revenue streams do not provide for these services;
BE IT RESOLVED that tax policy should be based on a progressive system.

Professional Regulation

WHEREAS legal regulation of social work practice is effective in protecting the public and respects the financial and practice realities of social workers in Minnesota;
BE IT RESOLVED that licensing fees should be kept as low as possible without impairing the mission of the Board of Social Work.

WHEREAS legal regulation of social work practice is effective in protecting the public and respects the financial and practice realities of social workers in Minnesota;
BE IT RESOLVED that the County-City-State exemption from the social work licensing law be eliminated.