

Special Resolutions of the Iowa Democratic Party
Adopted by the State Convention on June 16th, 2018

Resolution on gender identity and gender expression non-discrimination

WHEREAS the Iowa Democratic Party opposes prejudice and discrimination based on demographic characteristics including gender identity and expression as reflected in the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States;

WHEREAS discrimination and prejudice against people based on their actual or perceived gender identity or expression adversely affect psychological, physical, social, and economic well-being;

WHEREAS transgender and gender non-binary people may be denied appropriate gender transition-related medical and mental health care despite evidence that appropriately evaluated individuals benefit from gender transition treatments;

WHEREAS gender non-binary and transgender people may be denied basic human and civil rights and protections including but not limited to:

- the right to fair, safe, and harassment-free workplaces,
- the right to fair, safe, and harassment-free restroom access,
- the right to fair, safe, and harassment-free medical and mental health care,
- the right to fair, safe, and harassment-free institutional environments such as care facilities, treatment centers, shelters, housing, schools/colleges/universities, prisons and juvenile justice programs, and
- the right to obtain at low-cost appropriate identity documents that are consistent with their gender;

WHEREAS transgender and gender non-binary people experience a disproportionate rate of homelessness, unemployment and job discrimination, disproportionately report incomes below the poverty line and experience other financial disadvantages;

WHEREAS many gender non-binary and transgender children and youth face harassment and violence in school environments, foster care, residential treatment centers, homeless centers and juvenile justice programs;

WHEREAS Iowa Democrats are in a position to lead the nation in the pursuit of fairness, equality, and justice; to affect change on the local, state, and federal level; and to influence public policy and the enactment of human and civil rights;

AND WHEREAS Iowa Democrats have a history of leading the nation on social issues including interracial marriage, admitting both men and women equally to the University of Iowa, the right to free speech (e.g. John and Mary Beth Tinker in their protest against the Vietnam War resulting in *Tinker v. Des Moines*), Senator Tom Harkin fighting for the Americans with Disabilities Act, the Democratic Majority General Assembly amending

the Iowa Civil Rights code to ban discrimination based on gender identity and sexual orientation, the Iowa Supreme Court unanimously ruling that civil marriage is a right regardless of gender identity and sexual orientation, and holding the first in the nation presidential caucuses;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Iowa Democratic Party supports the passage of laws and policies protecting the rights, legal benefits, and privileges of people of all gender identities and expressions;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Iowa Democratic Party supports full access to employment, medical and mental health care, housing, education, and restrooms regardless of gender identity and expression;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Iowa Democratic Party encourages legal and social recognition of transgender and gender non-binary individuals consistent with their gender identity and expression, including access to identity documents consistent with their gender identity and expression which do not involuntarily disclose their status as gender non-binary or transgender;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Iowa Democratic Party calls upon public and private insurers to cover gender transition treatments for appropriately evaluated individuals;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Iowa Democratic Party supports amending the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States to ensure the full inclusion and non-discrimination of gender nonbinary and transgender people so that they are not forced to choose between a binary gender of man or woman to run for Party offices such as State Central Committee or Democratic National Committeeperson; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Iowa Democratic Party supports cooperation with other organizations and political parties in an effort to accomplish these ends.

Inspired by and based on the Resolution adopted by the American Psychological Association (APA) Council of Representatives in August 2008 (<http://www.apa.org/about/policy/chapter-12b.aspx#transgender>)

Resolution on environment and climate change

We members of the Iowa Democratic Party in Convention on Saturday, June 16, 2018 do with resolve condemn the Trump administrations rollbacks and proposed rollbacks of the attached 68 environmental protections that will decimate our environment and add to climate change and warming.

33 rules have been overturned

- Flood building standards
- Proposed ban on a potentially harmful pesticide
- Freeze on new coal leases on public lands
- Methane reporting requirements
- Anti-dumping rule for coal companies
- Decision on Keystone XL pipeline
- Decision on Dakota Access pipeline
- Third-party settlement funds
- Offshore drilling ban in the Atlantic and Arctic
- Ban on seismic air gun testing in the Atlantic
- Northern Bering Sea climate resilience plan
- Royalty regulations for oil, gas and coal
- Inclusion of greenhouse gas emissions in environmental reviews
- Permit-issuing process for new infrastructure projects
- Green Climate Fund contributions
- Endangered species listings
- Hunting ban on wolves and grizzly bears in Alaska
- Protections for whales and sea turtles
- Reusable water bottles rules for national parks
- National parks climate order
- Environmental mitigation for federal projects
- Calculation for "social cost" of carbon
- Planning rule for public lands
- Copper filter cake listing as hazardous waste
- Mine cleanup rule
- Sewage treatment pollution regulations
- Ban on use of lead ammunition on federal lands
- Restrictions on fishing
- Fracking regulations on public lands
- Migratory bird protections
- Department of Interior climate policies
- Rule regulating industrial polluters
- Safety standards for "high hazard" trains

24 rollbacks are in progress

- Clean Power Plan
- Paris climate agreement
- Car and truck fuel-efficiency standards
- Offshore oil and gas leasing
- Status of 10 national monuments
- Status of 12 marine areas
- Limits on toxic discharge from power plants
- Coal ash discharge regulations
- Emission standards for new, modified and reconstructed power plants
- Emission rules for power plant start-up and shutdown

- Sage grouse habitat protections
- Regulations on oil and gas drilling in some national parks
- Oil rig safety regulations
- Regulations for offshore oil and gas exploration by floating vessels
- Drilling in the Artic Wildlife Refuge
- Hunting method regulations in Alaska
- Requirement for tracking emissions on federal highways
- Emission standards for trailers and glider kits
- Limits on methane emissions on public lands
- Permitting process for air-polluting plants
- Use of birds in subsistence handicrafts
- Coal dust rule
- Haze rule for national parks
- Review process for forest restoration projects

10 rollbacks are
in limbo

- Wetland and tributary protections
- Methane emission limits at new oil and gas wells
- Limits on landfill emissions
- Mercury emission limits for power plants
- Hazardous chemical facility regulations
- Groundwater protections for uranium mines
- Efficiency standards for appliances
- Efficiency standards for federal buildings
- Rule helping consumers buy fuel-efficient tires
- Aircraft emissions standards
- Redaction of USDA-NRCS RUSLE3 in February of 2017

Resolution against separating children from their parents

Whereas the Trump Administration has supported and justified a policy of turning away asylum seekers and deliberately separating children from their parents.

Therefore, we as Iowa Democrats condemn these actions and call on all Iowa Democratic candidates to be against these actions and prioritize it in their campaign issues and agenda.