

## 2024 MINNESOTA DFL RESOLUTION FORM

*(Submit one resolution per form and one subject per resolution)*

The State DFL Ongoing Platform embodies the principles of the Minnesota Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party. The State DFL Action Agenda is a set of recommended public policy positions which the party supports and will promote during the next two years. This form must be completely filled out for a resolution to be considered.

Congressional  
District:

Organizing  
Unit:

Precinct:

Proposed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (City) Contact Phone # / E-mail

This resolution should be considered under the following category: ***[check one]***

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| Agriculture, Food, & Land Stewardship             | Media, Internet, & Information                    |
| Civil, Human, & Constitutional Rights             | National Security & International Policy          |
| Community Development & Local Business            | Natural Resources & the Environment               |
| Consumer Protection                               | Public Safety & Crime Prevention                  |
| Corporate & Business Accountability to the Public | Racial, Ethnic, Gender, LGBTQ, & Economic Justice |
| Education   | Retirement Security                               |
| Energy & Climate                                  | Tax & Budget Policy                               |
| Government Accountability to the Public           | Transportation                                    |
| ✓ Health & Human Services                         | Veterans' Affairs                                 |
| Labor & Employment                                | Local or Party Issues                             |

Individuals at their precinct caucuses can submit resolutions. If a majority of the caucus adopts a resolution, it advances to the Organizing Unit convention for consideration to send to the State Platform and Issues Committee. Resolutions having support from at least five Organizing Units drawn from at least two Congressional Districts may be selected for consideration at the State Convention (for inclusion in the DFL Ongoing Platform or Action Agenda).

**RESOLUTION TITLE (limited to 5 words):** Universal, Single Payer Health Care

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** *(Please print or attach your resolution here. Be concise and use everyday language.)*

The DFL prioritizes and commits significant resources for a campaign to promote legislation for a patient-centered healthcare system, by enacting the Minnesota Health Plan (Marty) at the State Level and the Medicare for All Act of 2023 (Jayapal) at the National Level. With this model: residents will be healthier; Everyone is covered without fear of medical debt; Patients choose their doctor; The emphasis is on health and thus prevention of poor health; Profit-driven insurance companies do not get to deny care or override doctor's decisions; Doctors get to provide care instead of managing insurance company profits; The complex bureaucracy of "who-pays" is eliminated, thus significantly reducing administrative costs, and simplifying the system, for all to understand.

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

There are currently about 250,000 Minnesotans without any health insurance. There are at least a million more with insurance, that cannot afford their medical bills because of co-payments, deductibles, and care not covered by their insurance, even after paying high premiums. Legislation would provide a single, statewide plan that would cover all Minnesotans for all their medical needs — from cradle-to-grave. Benefits include coverage of all necessary care, including: dental, vision, hearing, mental health, chemical dependency treatment, prescription drugs, medical equipment and supplies, and long-term care - all with no deductibles or co-pays.  
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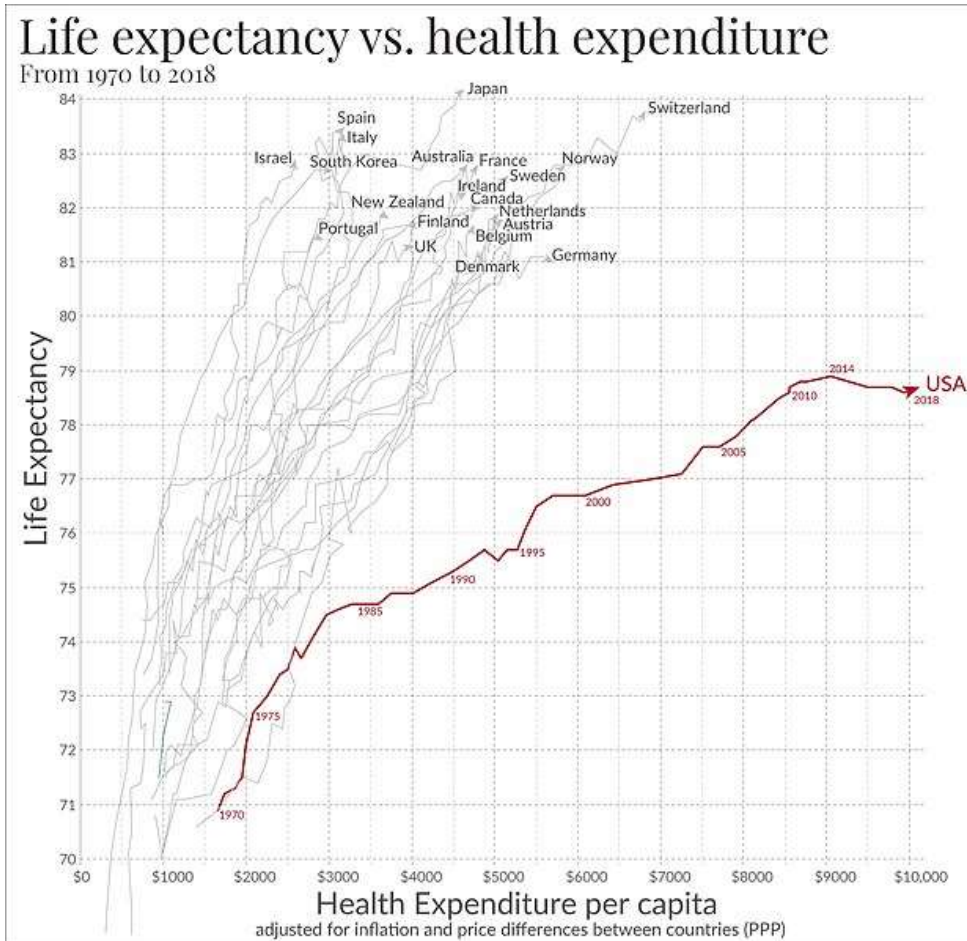
*To be filled out at the Precinct Caucus:*

This resolution was:  Adopted  Defeated

## 2024 Universal Single Payer Healthcare Resolution (Attachment)

The US is an outlier among its wealthy peer nations, being the only one without a national health plan guarantying health care for all its residents. It is also in last place of 11 countries, for nearly every analyzed healthcare metric, according to a Commonwealth Fund report -(Mirror, Mirror 2021: Reflecting Poorly - Health Care in the U.S. Compared to Other High-Income Countries.)

*“The United States ranks last overall, despite spending far more of its gross domestic product on health care. The U.S. ranks last on access to care, administrative efficiency, equity, and health care outcomes, but second on measures of care process.”*



As shown in this graph, even though the US spends over twice as much per capita as most other wealthy nations, we are falling far behind in life expectancy.

SOURCE: Max Roser (2020) - “Why is life expectancy in the US lower than in other rich countries?” Published online at OurWorldInData.org. Retrieved from: <https://ourworldindata.org/us-life-expectancy-low> [Online Resource]

The Minnesota Health Plan and Medicare for All Act would be governed by these principles:

- ensure all Minnesota residents are covered;
- cover all necessary care, including dental, vision and hearing, mental health, chemical dependency treatment, prescription drugs, medical equipment and supplies, long-term care, and home care;
- allow patients to choose their doctors;
- reduce costs by negotiating fair prices and by cutting administrative bureaucracy, not by restricting or denying care;
- affordable to all through premiums based on ability to pay & elimination of co-pays;
- focus on preventive care and early intervention to improve health;
- ensure that there are enough health care providers to guarantee timely access to care;
- continue Minnesota’s leadership in medical education, research, and technology;
- provide adequate and timely payments to providers; and
- use a simple funding and payment system.