

2026 NORTH DAKOTA DEMOCRATIC– NPL RESOLUTIONS

PUBLIC EDUCATION

North Dakota Democratic-NPL party and its candidates support:

- Strong local control of schools
- Policies that attract and retain excellent educators
- Safe schools with modern resources
- Career, technical, and workforce preparation
- Accountability focused on student success
- Universal free school breakfast and lunch.

Dakota Democratic-NPL party and its candidates oppose:

- Any legislation that diverts tax dollars to non-public schools, (including vouchers or ESAs for charter and/or religious schools,) thereby depriving our public schools of money and resources.

AGRICULTURE AND LAND STEWARDSHIP

North Dakota Democratic-NPL party and its candidates support:

- A strong federal Farm Bill safety net
- Crop insurance that protects production histories and beginning producers
- Fair trade policies and opposition to harmful tariffs
- Corporate farming laws that protect family operations
- Country-of-origin labeling and fair markets
- Antitrust enforcement
- Public research through North Dakota State University and Extension
- Programs such as the USDA’s Natural Resources Conservation Service and Farm Service Agency, and the North Dakota State Mill.
- Farmer and Rancher programs consisting of country-of-origin labeling, local processing, anti-trust fairness, and value-added.
- Publicly funded research for different practices positively affecting farmers and ranchers including trials, varieties, and marketing opportunities.

ENERGY, LAND, AND COMMUNITY PROTECTION

North Dakota Democratic-NPL party and its candidates support:

Property Rights and Landowners

- Surface owners deserve fair compensation and legal protection
- Mineral owners deserve fair unitization laws
- Bonding must fully cover reclamation and cleanup
- Taxpayers should never pay for abandoned wells
- Aquifers must be protected
- Flaring laws must be enforced
- Eminent domain must not be used for private corporate gain

Wind, Solar, Oil, and Transmission

- Counties must retain zoning authority
- Neighbors deserve notice and public hearings
- Decommissioning plans must be bonded
- Projects must strengthen local tax bases
- Comprehensive state policies from initial development to retirement of facilities on oil and gas drilling that addresses impacts on air, land, water, wildlife, housing, and infrastructure
- Strict enforcement of existing rules and regulations for energy producers
- Prohibition of oil and gas drilling near and under tribal historic preservation sites; other sacred sites; burial sites; national and state parks; national and state historic sites; back country recreation areas; wildlife and waterfowl areas; and other similarly designated areas
- Increased oversight and strict enforcement of regulations pertaining to toxic and radioactive waste disposal
- Oppose the use of fresh water from aquifers for hydraulic fracturing (“fracking”)

Carbon Storage

- Landowners must not be forced into private storage projects
- Liability must be clear and enforceable

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, DATA CENTERS, AND NEW INDUSTRY

North Dakota Democratic-NPL party and its candidates support:

- Local governments must have decision-making authority
Communities must have transparency and public input
- Projects must cover their full infrastructure costs
- Electricity rates for families must not increase
- Tax incentives must not weaken schools
- Local hiring and workforce training must be prioritized
- Industrial water use must not threaten agriculture or cities
- Bonded decommissioning plans must be required

BUSINESS AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

We believe businesses thrive when:

- Small businesses have access to capital
- Broadband is reliable and fair
- Tribal partnerships are respected
- Childcare is affordable and accessible
- The postal service is dependable
- Communities can diversify beyond fossil fuels

WORKERS AND WAGES

North Dakota Democratic-NPL party and its candidates support:

- Increasing the minimum wage with cost-of-living adjustments
- Fair wages and safe workplaces
- The right of workers to organize
- Repealing “Right to Work”
- Prevailing wages on public projects
- An Injured Workers Bill of Rights
- Improvements to Workforce Safety & Insurance
- Defined-benefit pensions for teachers and public employees
- Restoring local authority over wage standards

HEALTHCARE

North Dakota Democratic-NPL party and its candidates support:

- individuals' rights to make personal choices related to their own healthcare without government interference.
- building on existing laws to improve health care affordability and to expand access to health care, with the eventual goal of universal health care.
- asserts the state of North Dakota shall have no access to regularly protected medical information (ie HIPAA).
- medically accurate sexual health education in schools, with a goal of reducing unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted diseases.
- increased statewide access to Behavioral Health services, including treatment for post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and substance addictions.
- the continuation of the equalization of rates system in nursing facilities, keeping Medicaid and self-pay rates the same.
- all necessary steps to ensure that veterans of the US Armed Services receive the health care and related services they need in a timely manner.
- state-provided financial assistance for those training in mental healthcare fields of study.
- legislation authorizing the United States government to negotiate all pharmaceutical prices.
- advocates for increasing support for regional and tribal addiction treatment centers and mental health and substance abuse treatment.
- policies that eliminate prejudice against the LGBTQ+ community, in particular those persons who require medication for gender affirming care. Individuals, and the parents of children, should be allowed to make medical decisions with their healthcare providers without interference from the government.
- advocates for the passage of laws under which any medical provider who determines the need is medically appropriate and consistent with national licensing board standards and subsequently performs an abortion shall be free from prosecution.

INFRASTRUCTURE

North Dakota Democratic-NPL party and its candidates support:

- Roads and bridges built for resilience.
- Reliable high-speed internet statewide.
- Clean and affordable drinking water.
- Preparedness for cyber threats and extreme weather.
- Regional airports and public transit.

- Passenger rail where feasible.
- Electric vehicle (EV) charging infrastructure.
- Safe biking and walking networks.

FAMILIES, HOUSING, AND CHILDCARE

North Dakota Democratic-NPL party and its candidates support:

- Paid family leave.
- Affordable, accessible childcare.
- Increased housing supply.
- Investment in the Housing Trust Fund.
- Expanding Low-Income Housing Tax Credits.
- Striving to ensure that families must spend no more than 30% of income on housing.

CIVIL RIGHTS AND HUMAN DIGNITY

North Dakota Democratic-NPL party and its candidates support:

- Nondiscrimination protection.
- Religious freedom without discrimination.
- Hate crime legislation.
- Protections for Native American treaty rights.
- Ending violence against vulnerable populations.
- Data privacy protections.
- Pay equity.
- Constitutional equality.
- Protection of personal liberty.
- Standing with immigrants and their families in our communities, and demand that they receive due process.
- Strengthening laws to ensure accountability for sexual abuse perpetrators, including extending or eliminating statutes of limitations for sexual offenses against minors.

North Dakota Democratic-NPL party and its candidates oppose:

- Legislation rooted in fear with a goal of exclusion.

EQUITY, ACCESS, AND OPPORTUNITY FOR TRIBAL NATIONS

North Dakota Democratic-NPL party and its candidates support:

- Policies for Native American communities including treaty obligations, oppose systemic discrimination advance pay equity, disability access, reproductive and healthcare access, educational opportunity, and protections.
- Adequate funding for programs supporting Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Persons.
- Affirming the value of people of color and Native Americans, promoting anti-racism education, and denouncing racism and all forms of bigotry and intolerance.

North Dakota Democratic-NPL party and its candidates oppose:

- **Systemic discrimination.**

INITIATED MEASURE PROCESS

North Dakota Democratic-NPL party and its candidates support:

- Respect the will of the voters and oppose legislative actions that overturn or substantially weaken laws duly adopted by the people.
- Encourage legislation and policy consistent with these principles within the authority of the State of North Dakota.

LEGISLATIVE DISTRICTS DRAWN FAIRLY

North Dakota Democratic-NPL party and its candidates supportN

The establishment of a non-partisan redistricting commission responsible for drawing state legislative districts.

IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE PROTECTIONS

North Dakota Democratic-NPL party and its candidates support:

- Fair and humane immigration policies that uphold due process, protect immigrants and refugees, and promote successful integration into North Dakota communities.
- State and local partnerships that strengthen refugee resettlement, workforce participation, and family stability.
- The removal of the current leadership of ICE and Customs and Border Patrol

- The promotion of career law enforcement leaders with track records that reflect a commitment to the U.S. Constitution and proper law enforcement techniques and procedures.

NORTH DAKOTA ETHICS COMMISSION

North Dakota Democratic-NPL party and its candidates support:

- Implementation of the independent North Dakota Ethics Commission as has already been approved by the citizen voters of North Dakota.

FOREIGN POLICY

North Dakota Democratic-NPL party and its candidates support:

- A foreign policy that advocates for these freedoms, for human rights globally.
- USAID food programs that connect North Dakota agriculture to lifesaving global hunger relief efforts.
- Understanding our alliances are a strength and a force multiplier for peace and stability.
- Military readiness is nonnegotiable; military action is a last resort and must remain under civilian control and bound by the laws of war.
- Ukraine and democratic nations everywhere against Russia's authoritarian aggression, rejecting any foreign policy that excuses invasion, undermines democracy, or aligns America with autocrats and dictators over free people.
- Negotiate respectfully with our neighbors and trading partners, honoring our promises and treaty commitments.

North Dakota Democratic-NPL party and its candidates oppose:

- The Trump Administration's illegal invasion, bombing, and killing of innocent civilians in Iran, which was initiated without congressional approval.
- We further condemn the reckless endangerment of U.S. military personnel without clear and actionable goals that benefit the American populace and we call for the immediate ceasing of all military activity in Iran unless first voted upon and approved by Congress.

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE RESTORATION OF FUNDING TO PRAIRIE PUBLIC BROADCASTING

North Dakota Democratic-NPL party and its candidates support:

- Restoration of the 2023 funding level for North Dakota Prairie Public Broadcasting, (1.5 million,) in order to continue its production of extensive programming including that which preserves the history and culture of our state along with community notification services provided during times of emergency.

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A BAN ON INDIVIDUAL STOCK TRADING BY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

North Dakota Democratic-NPL party and its candidates support:

- A ban on individual stock trading by members of the United States Congress while in office, and we call for the congressional ethics committees of both the House and the Senate to enforce the ban with no exceptions, and strongly urge the the United States Congress to consider expulsion, as outlined under Article 1, Section 5, Clause 2 of the U.S. Constitution for any member who violates the imposed van while in office

OUR COMMITMENT

The North Dakota Democratic–NPL believes:

- Government should be accountable
- Communities should have local control
- Property rights must be respected
- Corporations must follow the rules
- Families deserve opportunity
- Schools and infrastructure deserve investment
- Workers deserve fair pay
- Innovation must serve people

North Dakota’s future should be built on fairness, responsibility, and respect for one another.

We are ready to build that future together.

