

Nebraska Democratic Party

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## Foundation Statement

*“We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.” Preamble – U.S. Constitution, 1787*

**“We, the people” are the three opening words that inspired the concept of a government “of the people, by the people, for the people,” cracking the divide between those who ruled and those who were ruled. Through great struggle and sacrifice, the U.S. Constitution as a living document has continued to be amended and reinterpreted to make our union ever “more perfect” by embracing all people in these United States.**

**And now, we, the people of Nebraska, inheritors of the vision of our nation’s authors and leaders, endeavor in our duty to build a more perfect government that represents and serves our entire State. The Nebraska Democratic Party seeks to expand to include all those in our State who share these ideals. We believe the proper role of government is to support, promote, protect, and advance a society founded on individual and collective rights, human dignity and equitable treatment, without regard to one’s diversity of abilities, origin, gender, orientation, beliefs, status and other characteristics; and to ensure the inalienable rights of:**

- **Freedom of speech, religion, privacy, the press, and assembly;**
- **Full and equal access to public services including courts, education and information, medical care, and transportation;**
- **Full and equal participation in labor, commerce, and government.**

**We also believe that with the accorded rights come civic duties to be assumed according to each person’s capacity including:**

- **Service to our country and the world;**
- **Stewardship of natural and human resources;**
- **Participation in government;**
- **Preparation of self and children physically, educationally, and temperamentally as needed to fulfill the civic duties listed above.**

***The Nebraska Democratic Party is the diversity of its members, their unity of purpose, and their confidence in the ability of people to transcend the human failings of fear, prejudice, and strife. Most of all, at the heart of the Nebraska Democratic Party lies the belief that government can be made to serve all people with wisdom and compassion. To that end, we weigh all our proposals and positions, devote our energies, and dedicate our service.***

## **Environment**

We understand that climate change is an urgent threat and a defining challenge of our time. The Earth that we leave to our descendants depends upon our actions now. Without ambitious, immediate action across our country to cut carbon pollution and greenhouse gases, the impacts of climate change will be severe.

We are committed to abandoning our dependence upon fossil fuels in favor of clean and renewable energy, and creating good paying middle income jobs in the new technologies. We need to make our existing infrastructure safer and cleaner and invest in the new infrastructure necessary to power our clean energy future.

Water is life. We believe clean air and clean water are basic rights of all people, and that low-income communities and tribal nations are disproportionately exposed to environmental “hot spots,” where air, soil, and water pollution increase health problems and economic hardship.

We need to champion conservation efforts and collaboratively protect our land, air and water. We must strengthen protections for our natural and cultural resources, increase access to parks and public lands for all Americans, protect endangered and native species and wildlife, and harness the immense ecological and social potential of our public lands and waters.

We urge our representatives to consider the environmental impact of legislation that applies to or could directly impact the State of Nebraska. Nebraska Democrats support global environmental protection such as the content of the 2015 Paris Agreement.

## **Agriculture**

Nebraska Democrats celebrate traditional family farmers and ranchers, and the prime agricultural land and topsoil in Nebraska that grows crops to feed the world. We are committed to preserving our rural communities and their way of life. We support the creation of a comprehensive national food, fuel, and fiber policy, which protects the long-term productivity of national resources and the quality and abundance of our food supply. We support our Ag partners as they grow local, high-quality, nutritious foods.

Nebraska Democrats want to improve financial outcomes for farmers by eliminating monopoly control of agricultural markets in production, processing, and trade, returning to fair market pricing, providing adequate crop insurance, and ensuring a strong export strategy which reaches out to other countries for world trade of Nebraska’s agricultural products, which particularly means strengthening trade with China and Canada. We strongly support programs to help farmers as they start out or recover from a difficult growing season or natural disaster. We understand the plight of the agricultural community as land prices have increased and return on investment has decreased.

Democrats are in favor of agricultural programs that keep in mind environmental impacts, conservation, and resource management. We want labeling of genetically modified food products, and we want to increase organic farming in our state as well as the farming of industrial hemp.

## **Government**

We believe government should serve all people within its responsibility.

We believe in the separation of church and state.

We believe it is the duty of the citizen to keep government officials in check. We support increased checks and balances on those who represent us. A majority vote of a constituency should be able to overturn a politician's vote or other actions relating to their elected or appointed position.

Nebraska Democrats are in favor of automatic voter registration and a free and fair election process.

We believe profit is opposed to the idea of good governance. Other than collecting a modest salary or pension, leaders should get zero profit from their roles in government. All finances going to an elected official should be part of the public record. We believe that corporate donations to a political campaign or politician should be capped at the same limit as individual donations. We believe that a single corporate voice should be equal to a single person's voice in determining what is important to a constituency, and that money or familiarity should not make the influence of one voice greater than another. Nebraska Democrats support progressive taxation.

We believe government officials, those seeking public office, and other public servants should be held to the highest standard of behavior and must use civility in their interactions. Likewise, we as Nebraska Democrats are committed to civil and just behavior as we move through the world.

Government must prudently reduce spending and increase income while investing heavily in our people, in our infrastructure, and in research. Funds from taxation or other sources, entrusted to Government, shall be used efficiently and wisely.

Government should respect landowner and Tribal rights and take this into consideration when considering actions such as eminent domain. We oppose the use of eminent domain for private gain. **Property rights are a fundamental issue we must protect whether pertaining to farmers and ranchers in rural Nebraska or homeowners in urban communities. We understand that eminent domain was never intended for corporations to use in order to further their private gain.**

To promote equality for all, we believe that the United States of America should immediately allow residents of federal non-continental districts and territories to vote for their own representatives, allow the elected representatives of those territories voting parity, and encourage statehood if the district or territory self-determines they wish to become a state.

We further believe that the government of the United States of America should recognize Native people's sovereignty, dignity, and equality, and should honor all portions of Treaties with Native and Indigenous Peoples.

Legislative bodies should be representative of the population of the state, territory, or country in both gender and racial categories. State Legislators should receive a modest middle-income salary, to allow for greater diversity in our Unicameral.

Democrats believe in public assistance programs paired with skill building to break the cycle of poverty.

Nebraska's Democrats strongly believe Medicaid expansion in our state is long overdue, and will save lives. Nebraska Democrats oppose any and all attacks on our health benefits, including attacks to federal funding for public health clinics.

Democrats strongly support measures to save Medicare, Social Security, and the CHIP program, and oppose any cuts to public health funding. Nebraska Democrats propose a removal of the cap on income subject to Social Security tax as a revenue stream to save Social Security.

### **Corporate PAC Contributions**

In answering President Obama's call in his Farewell Address to "reduce the corrosive influence of money in our politics, and insist on the principles of transparency and ethics in public service," the Nebraska Democratic Party rejects corporate PAC contributions from interests that conflict with our Platform such as the fossil fuel, tobacco, alcohol, gun manufacturing and pay day lending industries, allowing Nebraska Democrats to stay consistent with our beliefs.

### **Urban Economic Development**

Nebraska Democrats have recognized the plight and civil rights of all people. Nebraska Democrats have recognized the plight and civil rights of urban Nebraska. Urban Nebraskans have been loyal and committed Democratic voters for over 50 years. In urban Nebraska the percentage of Democratic voters continues to far outweigh that of other party voters. The fact remains that despite this continued support, voter turnout in urban Nebraska has continued to trend downwards with few exceptions, and this trend is correlated to the rise in poverty, joblessness, and hopelessness in our urban communities. Nebraska Democrats pledge to demonstrate our commitment and our energies for urban development, in recognition of the needs of urban communities.

Nebraska Democrats recognize that to energize our loyal urban voters we must advocate and develop policy for real urban development, which must include initiatives to create jobs through small and large business growth in urban areas, community benefits and agreements as to any economic development within the urban settings, and respect for and maintenance of the integrity of urban culture and history.

## **Immigration**

The United States is a country that welcomes all immigrants. Democrats believe immigration and immigration workers are a defining aspect of the American character and our shared history. The Nebraska Democratic Party supports fair, effective, and humane immigration reform.

The current immigration system tears mixed-status families apart and keeps undocumented workers in the shadows. Immigration reform must include a clear pathway to U.S. citizenship for all law-abiding and tax-paying immigrants who are contributing to our community and our country. All American residents regardless of immigration status shall have access to quality health care.

Nebraska Democrats promote comprehensive immigration reform that must address: the current system that discriminates against certain immigrants; address family backlogs; eliminate policies that would restrict legal immigration avenues and denigrate immigrants; and mandate providing children under the age of 18 with appointed counsel in all removal proceedings. All immigrants fleeing violence must be assured due process according to the U.S. Constitution before they are deported or refused entry to the United States. Similarly, we support expedited immigration policies for, and protection of, the foreign nationals who assisted or who continue to assist our military in Iraq and Afghanistan.

We support investing in culturally appropriate immigrant integration services, expanded access to English language education, and promoting naturalization to help the millions of immigrants eligible for citizenship to take the final step to become voting U.S. Citizens. We support treating immigrants from Honduras, El Salvador, [Venezuela](#), and Guatemala as refugees fleeing from violence.

Finally, we as Democrats oppose any Muslim ban or taxpayer monies for a Southern wall, and we oppose the separation of immigrant children from their parents under any circumstances.

## **Stand with DREAMERS**

DACA is ending and over 800,000 DREAMERS and their families are at risk of deportation. We acknowledge that DREAMERS teach our children and care for our family members. In addition, they are leaders in our companies, business owners, and brave members of our military.

We acknowledge that 86% of Americans agree that Congress must immediately pass bipartisan DREAM ACT legislation to ensure that these incredible young people can continue to live, work, and contribute to the only country they know as home. We as Democrats support a pathway to U.S. citizenship for the DREAMERS and urge Congress to swiftly adopt the legislation necessary to protect DREAMERS.

DREAMERS are still doing their jobs every day in the face of threat of deportation. It is time for Congress to do their job and protect all DREAMERS.

Nebraska Democrats proudly Support and **#STANDwithDREAMERS**.

### **Ending Systemic Racism against American-Latinxs**

Nebraska's Democrats will continue to fight against institutional and systemic racism in our society. Democrats challenge and will dismantle the structures that define lasting economic, political, and social inequities based on racism against Latinxs. Democrats will promote racial justice through fair, just, and equitable governing of all public-serving institutions and in the formation of future public policy for the fair treatment of Latinxs.

Democrats shall push for a societal change to make it clear that Latinxs are Americans and that there is no place for racism or racial harassment in our governmental systems, organizations, businesses, or country against Latinxs.

### **Labor and Economy**

We support labor unions as they protect and empower the workforce. We recognize their historical contribution to laying the foundations to the rights that workers have today. We support the formation of unions and collective action to further the rights of employees, while standing in opposition to anti-union labor practices, policies, and potential or actual legislation or court judgments.

Nebraska Democrats are pro-Worker, pro-Farmer, and pro-Railroad Worker, and call for improvements to worker safety, working conditions, protections, and benefits across all categories and classes of employment. Nebraska Democrats particularly support each worker receiving a minimum of one week of paid sick leave per year. Each pregnant worker should receive paid maternity leave of no less than twelve weeks.

We insist that economy and employers must pair enterprise with humanity and that full time employees must receive a living wage without government assistance.

We need a skilled, responsive workforce with globally competitive education and trade skills. We need to adapt to the age of technology and recognize when we have more people than work, and open up jobs for more employees. We need more skilled manufacturing and people doing excellent things in unique ways.

We are in favor of tax breaks and stimulus for small business and startups. We support further stimulus to those areas where unemployment is high or where job creation is low. We believe corporations should pay taxes; taxation should not be shouldered only by individuals and working families.

We support the concept of publicly funded, educational daycare centers to allow low and middle income Nebraskans to work unencumbered from the high cost of daycare.

We believe that artificial scarcity harms our economy and is a deceptive business practice.

### **Criminal Justice**

Nebraska Democrats commend police agencies who are committed to keeping order fairly without regards to an individual's characteristics, and preserving life whenever possible. Nebraska Democrats are in favor of a community policing strategy that gives residents the tools they need to communicate and resolve conflict. Nebraska Democrats support increased training for police officers on topics including de-escalation and mediation training.

Nebraska Democrats urge our police and court system to treat domestic violence as a particular threat against community and family due to abusers' likelihood to perpetrate mass violence.

Democrats approve of the use and tightening of sentencing guidelines, and favor independently auditing sentences against sentencing guidelines for those found guilty of crimes and sentenced to time in jail or prison, to ensure accurate sentencing. We encourage the courts to firm up departures from sentencing guidelines for mitigating and aggravating circumstances to reduce the number of imprisoned persons and strive for racial parity in the imprisoned population. We support alternatives to incarceration for non-violent offenders.

Nebraska Democrats support life imprisonment rather than capital punishment; we oppose any further executions by the State of Nebraska.

Nebraska Democrats want an end to the use of jails and prisons in place of mental health and substance abuse treatment. We support basic human rights for all detainees and incarcerated persons. We believe imprisonment is an opportunity for rehabilitation. We support the staff of jails and prisons as they monitor the behavior of incarcerated persons, while treating them with humanity. Democrats support programming and teaching useful skills to incarcerated persons to reduce the recidivism rate, and transition programs to assist the incarcerated with a successful return to the community.

## Technology

High-speed Internet connectivity is essential for 21st Century economic success, education, health care, and public safety. Access should not be restricted due to cost and Internet service providers should be prohibited from throttling speed or blocking connections to websites and content.

We support a concerted effort to upgrade and promote a statewide broadband infrastructure capable of supporting business, education and personal requirements. This should include efforts in deploying 5G technologies, the next generation wireless service, that will bring faster Internet connections to underserved areas, and will enable transformative technologies.

Fairness, affordability, access and privacy are the basic principles for state and federal governance of communications. All Nebraskans should have access to affordable telecommunication services provided as a public utility. **Nebraska Democrats support statewide legislation making it unlawful for municipalities to enter into agreements with Internet service providers restricting the municipality from developing its own fiber and broadband networks.** Efforts should be made to develop partnerships between municipalities and other public entities with private concerns to develop community broadband networks, and to hook-up anchor institutions to offer free Wi-Fi to the public.

Nebraska's Democrats support net neutrality to prevent corporate censorship and to protect an unrestricted and fair Internet experience. We also recognize the importance of data privacy and support legislation similar to the UK's General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR).

Nebraska Democrats also believe that technology should be a part of the educational curriculum and computer literacy should be taught to students.

## Education

Nebraska Democrats support public schools and public school teachers. We believe all teachers, including but not limited to childcare professionals, special needs teachers, early childhood educators, and paraprofessionals, should be paid commensurate to their responsibility to give knowledge to our future generations and prepare students for their adult life.

We support fully funded public education from preschool to grade 16. Nebraska Democrats believe that no educator should have to pay out of pocket for materials or supplies for their own classroom.

We believe every child should have a safe school environment conducive to learning, free from bullying, harassment, or violence. We support raising the age for a student to voluntarily leave school without graduating, to age 18.

We support continuing education for pregnant students and those who are parents and interventions to help these populations. To reduce the number of pregnant students, we strongly support age-appropriate and accurate comprehensive sex education for all students starting no less than three years before the average age of menarche and continuing into high school. We support families' rights to opt out of sex education or supplement the information provided in schools.

Nebraska Democrats believe that special education programs should be based on the individual needs of each student.

We believe that educators should compare and contrast opposing views on a subject, to aid their students in learning how to think critically and independently.

We support policies and programs promoting recruitment of faculty and staff that represent the broadest possible diversity, training and placement of faculty and administration where their talents can best be used to meet the needs of students, integrating students into population-balanced and diverse public school districts, and normalizing parity in funding those districts. Nebraska Democrats are committed to school funding that meets the needs of students equitably and supports the improvement of schools.

We envision classrooms that create opportunities for multicultural activities and field trips, utilize distance education technologies to bring students together in study and play from other cultures and countries, and foster exchange programs of speakers and student groups.

We impress upon Nebraska's school districts to develop and utilize teaching materials and pedagogies to confront discrimination based on racism, sexism, ageism or cultural bigotry, to promote a society free of discrimination based upon religious belief, disability, origin, orientation, or gender identity or economic status, and to use interpretation services and technology to improve relationships among the school, home and community for the benefit of students.

Proper state funding for the Nebraska University system is a priority for Nebraska Democrats, and we believe tuition hikes are detrimental to students and Nebraska families. We are committed to the excellent state schooling delivered by the University system within our state, which teaches our youth the skills they need in the workforce. Nebraska Democrats have pride in the students, graduates, and educators of our schools and state institutions of higher learning.

### **Black Lives Matter**

“Racism still occupies the throne of our nation.” - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Nebraska Democratic Party is committed to removing the barriers of systemic and institutional racism.

Institutional and systemic racism is distinguished from racial bigotry by the existence of institutional systemic policies, practices, and economic and political structures that place minority racial and ethnic groups at a disadvantage in relation to an institution's racial or ethnic majority.

The Nebraska Democratic Party commits to educating itself about the discriminatory policies and practices that have enabled economic prejudice against people of color.

The Nebraska Democratic Party commits to critically examine and reform policies and practices within the state's economic and political structures that disproportionately target people of color.

The Nebraska Democratic Party commits to expose and eliminate any inconsistencies of voter access, particularly those driven by partisan and racial politics.

The Nebraska Democratic Party commits to identify and rectify policy and practice inequities that lead to disadvantages in the areas of health care, family life, employment and political power.

The Nebraska Democratic Party commits to work to actively oppose racialized discrepancies of people of color and as a party commits to grow awareness to motivate and inspire change.

The Nebraska Democratic Party commits to dismantle the complex web of racial and cultural barriers integrated in our society, such as an education system where students of color have significant disparate outcomes, public transportation policies that hinder the poor, voter ID laws that obstruct access to the polls, and a mass incarceration system that incarcerates individuals of color at a rate of 5.1 times their white counterparts.

A shift in mindset is required. To be a catalyst for change, the Nebraska Democratic Party must be devoted to: redirect the focus of apologies and ineffective assessment; reach out and listen to those who confront these realities daily; and diminish the spotlight aimed at issues obsolete to marginalized groups. Rather than priding themselves on serving as a voice for the voiceless, the party must make a place for everyone's voice to be heard. By destabilizing the inequitable power structure that allows excuses, the party can elevate the voices of marginalized people to inspire change.

## **Civil Rights**

Nebraska Democrats believe in protecting the rights and civil liberties of all people, both foreign and domestic, as well as both citizen and non-citizen.

We will not tolerate discrimination, harassment, and/or bullying against a person based on their actual or perceived race, ethnicity, religion, familial status, physical attributes, physical and mental ability or disability, sex, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, gender expression, and gender identity.

We believe women and gender non-conforming individuals should receive equal pay for equal work.

We demand the end of racial profiling in all its incarnations.

We demand racial justice and the end of police brutality.

We demand the end of racial violence.

We demand the end of racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, and all other kinds of bigotry.

We demand an end to white supremacy.

We demand priority action and equal access to all measures to end poverty, hunger and homelessness.

We demand equality and equity in all areas of the education system.

We demand healthcare be recognized as a universal human right.

We demand that equal access to food, water, shelter, transportation, utilities, and employment also be recognized as universal human rights.

We demand Non-Discrimination Protections for Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Gender Expression in the areas of Employment, Housing, Medical and Mental Health Care, Public Accommodation, Education, Credit, State & Local Funded Programs, Family Leave, Adoption, Foster Care as well as inclusive language for Identity Documentation and Hate Crimes Protection for Gender Identity and Gender Expression.

We demand the restoration of the Voting Rights Act, as well as legislation forever guaranteeing the right to vote for ALL Americans, including same day, universal voter registration.

### **The Civil Rights of People with Disabilities**

We support the full enforcement of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended and its implementing regulations. We support governmental incentives and assistance to businesses and organizations that employ people with disabilities. We believe that people with disabilities must be provided equal access to all public buildings and public accommodations. Children with disabilities have

the right to a free and appropriate public education. Employers must ensure fair and equitable employment opportunities for people with disabilities. Exercising voting rights must be accessible for people with disabilities.

## **Healthcare**

Nebraska Democrats believe that access to affordable, quality health care is a right for all. We support expanding the current health care system to single payer government run national coverage for all. We support a broad base of coverage including, but not limited to primary care, preventative care, inpatient, outpatient, emergency care, prescription drugs, durable medical equipment, long term care, mental health, substance abuse services, non-cosmetic dentistry, pre-existing conditions, chiropractic services, basic vision care and correction, outpatient therapies and ambulance services. Under a single payer plan, we believe eligible providers would be any licensed or accredited provider in compliance with the law. We firmly believe that patients should choose their own healthcare provider and no one should be denied lifesaving medical care or medications due to cost.

We urge further research into affordable accessible male contraceptive methods. We continue to oppose any state and federal laws that would impede a woman's constitutional right to choose a safe and legal abortion. We support efforts to expand Medicaid coverage in Nebraska and urge continued funding of the CHIP program. Nebraska Democrats recognize the importance of and safe access to family planning services and we denounce all acts of violence towards providers of family planning/health care services. Nebraska Democrats continue to advocate for and support all reproductive choices for women and men. We support full enforcement of the Americans With Disabilities Act and encourage all businesses to provide equal access to persons with disabilities. We support stem cell research and therapy as a critical component of health care.

Nebraska Democrats support access by Nebraskans to natural cannabis with a doctor's prescription and urge decriminalization of cannabis for this purpose.

## **#MeToo, Ending Systemic Sexism, Sexual Assault or Sexual Harassment.**

Nebraska Democrats will fight to end institutional and systemic Sexism, Sexual Assault or Sexual Harassment in our society. We will challenge and dismantle the structures that define lasting economic, political, and social inequities based on Sexism, Sexual Assault or Sexual Harassment. Democrats will promote sexual justice through fair, just, and equitable governing of all public-serving institutions and in the formation of future public policy. Democrats will push for a societal transformation to make it clear that women and girls' lives matter and that there is no place for Sexism, Sexual Assault or Sexual Harassment in our country.

## **Firearms**

We recognize that gun violence is a serious problem that claims the lives of tens of thousands of Americans per year, injures many more, traumatizes countless others, and disproportionately impacts communities of color. We support the right of Americans to live free of gun violence. We recognize that gun violence is the consequence of an inadequately regulated consumer market.

We support the repeal of the federal Protection of Lawful Commerce in Arms Act (PLCAA), which offers special immunity from liability to gun manufacturers and sellers and deprives injured persons from their right to legal remedy in the courts.

We support laws that enforce responsibility among people who own firearms, including the safe storage of firearms to prevent theft and access by children.

We support the right of communities to respond democratically to gun violence by passing local ordinances to address their needs.

We further support the American Medical Association's proposals that back laws limiting the purchase of guns to individuals over the age of 21 and legislation that allows relatives of suicidal people or those who have threatened imminent violence to seek court-ordered removal of guns from the home, better training for physicians to recognize patients at risk for suicide and ending loopholes in laws that still allow people found guilty of domestic violence to purchase guns.

We urge the adoption of stronger gun laws at all levels, including universal background checks, a ban on assault weapons, required training, and limitations on magazine capacity.

## **LGBTQIA+**

Democrats respect and honor all who serve and have served in our armed forces. We support the inclusion, and appreciate the service, of transgender individuals who have and want to serve in the US military.

We oppose any ban restricting or terminating the service of Trans soldiers. We believe service should be based on qualifications and ability rather than personal identity.

Democrats celebrate marriage equality, while recognizing the need to assure equitable access to employment, housing and accommodations, which includes gender-neutral bathrooms in schools and public places;

Democrats support the development and maintenance of safe environments in our schools for youth from all identities and backgrounds;

Democrats desire to improve access to informed services and address the high rates of suicide by LGBTQIA+ individuals; and

Democrats support the civil and human rights and safe environments for all people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and expression.

## **Veterans**

Nebraska Democrats believe that government and community must keep the promises they make to the members and former members of the United States military, and must exert every effort to make an injured servicemember whole after a duty physical or mental injury, and support all exiting veterans as they return to civilian life.

Nebraska Democrats support the full funding of the Veterans Administration (VA) and VA hospitals. We believe active military and veterans deserve superior, efficient, and timely physical and mental healthcare. We reiterate that women who have served are an underserved and under-recognized population with specific needs.

Democrats are committed to ending sexual assault in the military.

We oppose cuts to services and benefits for veterans.

## **Native American Rights**

The Nebraska Democratic Party respects the sovereignty of the Native Nations of the Americas and supports municipal, state, and federal legislative efforts that reflect the rights inherent in that sovereignty. These include: complete law-making authority of tribal nations by the government of such nations, federal law to respect and reflect treaties entered by the United States Government and tribal nations, complete discretion and complete control of tribal nation land by the governments of such nations, and an Executive Order countermanding the Executive Order issued by President Theodore Roosevelt in 1904 and returning the Whiteclay Extension to the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. The Nebraska Democratic Party calls on policy makers in all legislatures affected to fully fund its obligations to the health and welfare of all Native Peoples and Tribal Nations.