State Institutions of Higher Learning Resolution

Whereas, State Universities and Colleges are one of the most transformative and democratic of American institutions, making the blessings of education, long the privilege of the children of the wealthy, a right for the children of farmers and working people; and,

Whereas, State Universities and Colleges are one of the largest, most productive economic drivers and likely the single greatest cultural and civic driver in our state; and,

Whereas, Nebraska’s key to prosperity is attracting and retaining highly productive people, especially our most valued resources, our young people, who want or need access to State Universities and Colleges; and,

Whereas, the Governor engineered nearly three quarters of a billion dollars annually in tax cuts and now proposes to gut state funding to the University of Nebraska by 37%, more than a third; and,

Whereas, Nebraska State Universities and Colleges are suffering from such engineering; and,

Whereas, the Trump administration is likewise proposing targeted cuts to public university and college funding; and,

Whereas, State Universities, Colleges, and trade schools cannot survive such economic cutbacks intact, requiring the wholesale loss of entire departments and many of its best faculty; and,

Whereas the institutionalization of the culture of wilful ignorance is a clear and present danger to American society; and,

Whereas, the life of every Nebraskan is made better by some product or influence of the State Universities and Colleges;

**Therefore, be it Resolved**, that the Nebraska Democratic Party calls on the Governor and the Unicameral to restore the $580 million base funding in 2018-19 to save the University of Nebraska; and,

**Therefore, be it further Resolved,** the Nebraska Democratic Party calls on the Governor; the President of the United States; The Congress; and the Unicameral; to properly fund Public University and Colleges.