

Platform and Resolutions Committee Report

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Actions:

- The Platform and Resolutions Committee Report was passed by the Committee members on 5/17/2025
- Presented to SCC Delegates on 5/22/2025
- Discussion and Vote to occur at the SCC Meeting on 5/31/2025

Summary:

- Resolution to Preserve Nebraska's Electoral College Vote Allocation by Congressional District
- Resolution in Support of Ethics Reform and Accountability for Elected and Appointed Officials in Nebraska
- Resolution in Support of LGBTQIA+2S Community "Queer"

Resolution to Preserve Nebraska's Electoral College Vote Allocation by Congressional District

Submitted by: Terry Tilson, LD2 and Melinda Mead LD2

Submitted on: May 10th. 2025

Recommended for Approval

Whereas, the state of Nebraska allocates three of its five Presidential Electoral College votes by individual congressional district,

Whereas, the voters of Nebraska have repeatedly expressed their desire to retain the current method of awarding of electoral votes by congressional district,

Whereas, the Governor and various members of the state legislature have made partisan attempts to ignore and circumvent the will of the people,

Now Be It Resolved, the Nebraska Democratic Party (NDP) stands in support of the retention of the current method of awarding of electoral votes by congressional districts,

Therefore Be It Further Resolved, that the NDP opposes efforts to impose "winner take all" method of awarding electoral votes,

Therefore Be It Further Resolved, that this resolution shall be announced via media and social media sources, and an approved copy of this resolution sent to the Governor of Nebraska.

Resolution in Support of Ethics Reform and Accountability for Elected and Appointed Officials in Nebraska

Sponsored by: Terry Tilson, LD2 and Melinda Mead, LD2

Submitted on: May 10th, 2025

Recommended for Approval

Whereas, the State of Nebraska does not have a provision for the voters to recall those persons elected to offices ranked above the county level of government, for any misconduct of a personal or professional nature,

Whereas, Nebraska has recently experienced several high-profile embarrassing cases of inappropriate and unethical conduct by elected and appointed officials,

Therefore Let It Be Resolved, the Nebraska Democratic Party (NDP) stands in opposition to the continued embarrassment to our state and the excessive use of legislative time and taxpayer resources caused by such misconduct,

Let It Also Be Resolved, the NDP calls upon the state government to adopt stringent ethics rules and a code of conduct, with defined penalties for infractions, to be implemented for all elected and appointed officials at the state, county, and local level,

Let It Also Be Resolved, The NDP shall make this position known using media and social media sources, and shall send an approved copy of this resolution to the Governor of Nebraska.

Resolution in Support of LGBTQIA+2S (Queer) Community

Sponsored by: Ryan Griffin, Vice-Chair of County Parties, LD48

Submitted on: 5/10/2025

Recommended for Approval

WHEREAS, Nebraska is home to a diverse population that includes members who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, Two-Spirit (LGBTQIA+2S), and/or as other genders and/or sexual orientations, who contribute to the progress, culture, and success of our state and country,

WHEREAS, the platform the Nebraska Democratic Party platform is clear in its opposition to discrimination against the LGBTQIA+2S community,

WHEREAS, legislation that seeks to reduce the rights and freedoms of Transgender Nebraskans continues to be introduced in the Nebraska Legislature, thereby endangering their lives,

WHEREAS, President Donald Trump continues to attack and dehumanize the Transgender community by signing executive orders aimed at restricting the rights of Transgender Americans and treating them like second-class citizens,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Nebraska Democratic Party stands in opposition to any and all legislation that erodes the safety, health, civil rights, and/or bodily autonomy of LGBTQIA+2S Nebraskans.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Nebraska Democratic Party will issue a Pride Month Proclamation in support of the LGBTQIA+2S community and release it to the media.