

Resolution presented by Scott Williams

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**RESOLUTION OF DISAPPROVAL AND DISCONTINUATION OF
THE PROCESS OF SENDING UNPLEGDED AUTOMATIC DELEGATE “SUPERDELEGATES”
TO THE DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION**

Whereas

The Nebraska Delegate Selection Plan is in alignment with and governed by the Charter and Bylaws of the Democratic Party of the United States, the Delegate Selection Rules for the 2016 Democratic National Convention, the Call for the 2016 Democratic National Convention, the Regulations of the Rules and Bylaws Committee for the 2016 Democratic National Convention, the Constitution and Bylaws of the Nebraska Democratic Party, and the Nebraska Election Act, and

Whereas

The first page of the Nebraska Delegate Selection Plan, Section I.B.1 (page 3) states “Nebraska will use a proportional representation system based on the results of the Caucus for apportioning delegates to the 2016 Democratic National Convention [DNCC]”, and

Whereas

The Nebraska Delegate Selection Plan, Section III.B.1 (page 10), states that out of a total of 30 Delegates (with 2 Alternates) apportioned to Nebraska by the Democratic National Committee (DNC), Unpledged Party Leader and Elected Official (PLEO) Delegates, also known as “Superdelegates”, make up 5 of the 30 Delegates, 16.7% of the Nebraska Delegation to the DNC, and

Whereas

The five presumptive Nebraska Superdelegates have publicly stated promises of support for a Presidential candidates which, unless altered, will NOT align with proportional representation of the results of the 2016 Nebraska Democratic Caucus, and

Whereas

Changing the rules affecting how Super delegates vote would strengthen the community of the Nebraska Democratic Party,

Therefore, Be It Resolved

The Nebraska Democratic Party, as represented by the elected and credentialed Delegates assembled at the Nebraska Democratic State Convention, most strenuously disapproves of the “Superdelegate” process, as directed by the Democratic National Committee, for the Democratic National Convention, and

Be It Further Resolved

The 2016 NDP State Convention instructs the State Rules Committee to craft language to Nebraska’s 2020 delegate selection plan to reflect the concepts of this Resolution, and

Be It Further Resolved

The votes of the Super delegates be apportioned to reflect the results of the vote of each Congressional District, and that the remaining Super delegate vote(s) reflect the results of the vote of the state as a whole, and

Be It Further Resolved

The State delegation strongly urges and suggests current Super Delegates to vote at the upcoming DNC Convention July 23, 2016, in proportion to the State Caucus results, and

Be It Further Resolved

In future Presidential elections the four (4) Super delegates who are Nebraska Democratic Party elected leaders shall be instructed to vote for the Presidential candidate selected by the will of the people in Caucus or Primary Election whichever is binding for the selection of delegates to the Democratic National Convention, and

Be It Further Resolved

Without substantial change to the Superdelegate process, including, transparency, accountability to the state electorate, and proportional representation, after the 2016 Democratic National Convention in Philadelphia, the Nebraska Democratic Party will never again elect, credential, delegate, seat, send or in other way support Superdelegates to the Democratic National Convention.