Resolution in Support of Organized Labor and Working Men and Women

Whereas, the income and wealth gap between the richest Americans and the average American has increased radically as the rights of working people to organize have been diminished and membership in labor unions has declined;

Whereas, this enormous and growing gap is a danger to our democratic republic;

Whereas, our founding documents state that our government is founded "to promote the General Welfare", and that each of us is created equal with certain inalienable rights;

Whereas, our government has a moral obligation to use our common resources to protect and empower all of us equally;

Whereas organized labor has secured concessions from management and government that have strengthened our families and our communities--the 8 hour work day, paid vacation, the weekend, the guaranteed minimum wage, workers compensation insurance, OSHA and an end to child labor--to name a few such victories;

Whereas, the President of the United States has repeatedly stated that "U.S. wages are too high." and Republican legislatures, governors, and appointees to courts and administrative bodies continue   a coordinated and concerted assault on the rights of working men and women which will lead to more inequality in America;

Therefore, be it resolved that the NDP condemns all actions in all branches of government and at all levels of government to weaken the human rights and legal rights of working men and women to organize and to bargain with management in either the private or public sector;

Be it further resolved that the NDP will support policies and candidates which promote the well being of working people and their families and

Be it further resolved, that the NDP stands with its brothers and sisters in Labor to strengthen our families and communities by creating good jobs, safe work places, a healthy environment and an economy that works for everyone, not just a few.