

Resolution presented by Fiona Matthews
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Resolution: Universal Guaranteed Income Taskforce

WHEREAS income inequality poses a threat to the sanctity of our democracy and the stability of our society; and,

WHEREAS the Democratic Party wholeheartedly affirms the inherent dignity and worth of **all** people; and,

WHEREAS technological advancements have uplifted humanity to a place where each of our needs may be met if only we can commit ourselves to fairly distributing vital resources; and,

WHEREAS the pervasiveness of unemployment is a glaring indicator that some in our society are unable to find a way to meaningfully contribute; and,

WHEREAS life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness are natural rights and should not be withheld on any grounds; and,

WHEREAS employment cannot be freely entered into when the choice not to take up employment is the choice to lose access to the resources necessary to exercise these natural rights; and,

WHEREAS conditional welfare drains our time, energy, and resources through administration and through verification of details of a person's life which do not impact their natural rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and,

WHEREAS a Universal Guaranteed Income may address income inequality, ensure the natural rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness, and more effectively relieve poverty, homelessness, and food insecurity than our current conditional welfare systems;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Nebraska Democratic Party shall create a taskforce to investigate outcomes, implementation, and research on programs of this sort;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that taskforce shall have time on the 2020 convention agenda to deliver and deliberate on their report and shall submit a resolution/resolutions for further action warranted by their findings.