

# MINNESOTA DFL RESOLUTION FORM

(NOTE: Incomplete forms may be rejected. Submit only one resolution per form.  
Resolutions that combine separate issues might not be considered.)

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Proposed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) (City) Contact Phone #/E-mail

This resolution is:  A new 2008 Action Agenda item  
**[check one]**  A re-adoption of a 2006 Action Agenda item  
 An amendment of the Ongoing Platform  
 A Party Issue. (Will not be included in the Action Agenda items presented to the state convention.)  
 A Local Issue (City/County). (Forwarded to the appropriate elected body, not the Platform Commission.)

This resolution should be considered under the following category: **[check one]**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture & Food                      | <input type="checkbox"/> National Security & International Policy |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business & Community Development        | <input type="checkbox"/> Natural Resources & the Environment      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Civil, Human & Constitutional Rights    | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Safety & Crime Prevention         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Consumer Issues                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Retirement Security                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Education                               | <input type="checkbox"/> Tax and Budget Policy                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Government Accountability to the Public | <input type="checkbox"/> Veterans' Affairs                        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Health & Human Services                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Local or Party Issues                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Labor & Employment                      |   |

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** (Print or attach your resolutions here. Any WHEREAS clauses or supporting statements should be included on the back of this form.)

The Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party of Minnesota sponsor legislation at the State and Federal level to replace marriage with civil union henceforward as the legal contract between two people wishing to be recognized as a couple for purposes of civil and legal rights;  
that this contract shall not discriminate based on gender, sexuality, or sexual practices;  
that all legal rights and privileges previously allowed to married couples will now be enjoyed by couples under civil union;  
and that this legislation will not in any way interfere with sanctification or blessing of unions of people in religious or other settings.

**To be filled out at the Precinct Caucus:**

This resolution was:  Adopted  Defeated  
by:  A voice vote. A recorded vote of:  Yes  No  Abstain  
(A majority consists of more than half of those voting, not counting blanks and abstentions.)

# Resolution on Civil Union

*(analogous to Zivilehe in Germany where it has been in use since 1855 and in some other parts of Europe beginning in 1798 as part of the Napoleonic Code, but with the addition of no restriction based on gender, sexuality, intent to procreate, or sexual practice; analogous also to the Civil Union Bill in New Zealand which was enacted into law on 9 December, 2004, but with the difference of replacing marriage with civil union universally in the civil setting rather than adding civil union as an option for those who do not want to or formerly could not marry)*

**WHEREAS** in a pluralistic civil society concepts and terms must be clear in order to be just,

**WHEREAS** marriage as a term in common usage has become unclear because of its association with various religious and civil meanings,

**WHEREAS** marriage as currently understood implies an intent on the part of the people involved to engage in specific sexual and other activity and yet there is no legal stipulation as part of the marriage contract that they must engage in these activities and in this way marriage in and of itself is poorly defined and variably practiced, and

**WHEREAS** no civil society can sanctify the union of a couple and no religion can grant civil rights to a couple,

**WHEREAS** no religion or faith can define the norm or morality for sexuality, interpersonal interactions, or the nature of a couple-relationship for all members of an entire society, and

**WHEREAS** no pluralistic civil society should restrict expression of a person's nature when there is no harm to others in that expression,

**WHEREAS** many previously accepted and legally codified norms in American society including slavery, child labor, and withholding of rights based on age, race, gender, ethnicity, religion, country of origin, or vocation have been set aside as unjust,

**WHEREAS** this setting aside of accepted civil norms has been found to be a continuing process, and

**WHEREAS** for the reasons noted above there needs to be a redefinition of civil couple-relationships and a separation of this civil definition and civil function from religious and other definitions and functions,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party of Minnesota should sponsor legislation at the State and Federal level to replace marriage with civil union henceforward as the legal contract between two people wishing to be recognized as a couple for purposes of civil and legal rights;

that this contract shall not discriminate based on gender, sexuality, or sexual practices;

that all legal rights and privileges previously allowed to married couples will now be enjoyed by couples under civil union;

and that this legislation will not in any way interfere with sanctification or blessing of unions of people in religious or other settings.