

Precinct Resolution 2012

Proposed by (name): _____

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City: _____ Precinct: _____

County/Senate District: _____ Congressional District: _____

POVERTY IMPACT STATEMENT:

Be it resolved, that the Party advance legislation that (1) provides for a Poverty Impact Statement as criteria for all policy and budget decisions in the 2013 legislative session, and that (2) publicly documents the answers to the following two questions:

1. How does this legislation/policy increase or decrease the number of people in poverty?
2. How does this legislation/policy create sustainable jobs that will support Minnesota families?



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Whereas, In 2004 “A Common Foundation: Shared Principles for Work on Overcoming Poverty” was signed by 35 religious leaders in the state of Minnesota, *and*

Whereas, In 2006 the Legislature passed a bill to “create a Legislative Commission to End Poverty in Minnesota by 2020,” the text of which was taken from “A Common Foundation: Shared Principles for Work on Overcoming Poverty” *and*

Whereas, The bi-partisan Commission was formed and did their work in 2007-08, and reported their unanimously agreed-upon recommendations at a public launching of the report, sponsored by A Minnesota Without Poverty, in January 2009, *and*

Whereas, In 2008 506,000 Minnesotans were experiencing poverty, 140,000 of whom were children, and in 2010 the number of Minnesotans experiencing poverty had grown to 599,516 and the number of children experiencing poverty was 192,000, a 62% increase since 2000, *and*

Whereas, we believe there is enough for all to have enough, if we all do our part, *and*

Whereas, we believe “...all people should be provided with those things that protect human dignity and make for a healthy life, including adequate food and shelter, meaningful work, safe communities, health care and education.” (A Common Foundation: Shared Principles for Work on Overcoming Poverty; Legislative Commission to End Poverty in Minnesota by 2020), *and*

We believe that all sectors of society play a role in ending poverty and that government must play a significant role because the public sector can operate at a scale to ensure access, equity and opportunity to end poverty; therefore,