

A Resolution to Adopt The Democratic Creed

WHEREAS, the xxxx County Democratic Party aims to promote inclusivity, education, and civic engagement within our local community; and

WHEREAS, the xxxx County Democratic Party is dedicated to responsive, effective, and representative government at all levels, and to the timeless American ideals of Freedom, Justice, and Opportunity; and

WHEREAS, this dedication calls the members of our party to work for positive change at the local, state and federal levels; and

WHEREAS, speaking out about our vision for the United States, for [State] and for the [region] is an important part of this work, and

WHEREAS, being able to present this common Democratic vision in a concise manner is vital to the outreach needed to promote change and to elect leaders able to carry out the change, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jim Purvis in his book <u>Democrats 101</u> authored The Democratic Creed, a document which brings together the ideas that unite us as Democrats and as Americans, and

WHEREAS, The Democratic Creed outlines the fundamental beliefs and aspirations of the Democratic Party, serving as a guiding document for party members and supporters; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the xxx County Democratic Party in [State] hereby adopt and establish the <u>Democrats 101</u> Democratic Creed as presented later in this Resolution, as an official educational resource, recognizing its value in promoting knowledge and understanding of Democratic Party principles, policies, and values; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the xxxx County Democratic Party officially endorses and embraces The Democratic Creed as a statement of our shared beliefs, commitments, and aspirations; and be it further



RESOLVED, that the xxxx County Democratic Party commits to integrating The Democratic Creed into our educational programs, campaign materials, public communications, and party events, ensuring that these resources are widely accessible to party members, supporters, and the general public; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the xxxx County Democratic Party encourages its members and local Democratic clubs to utilize The Democratic Creed in their outreach efforts, grassroots organizing, and candidate support activities; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the xxxx County Democratic Party will regularly evaluate and update its use of the Democratic Creed, ensuring its continued relevance and effectiveness in advancing our shared Democratic values.

THE DEMOCRATIC CREED

We believe all people are created equal, that this is America's fundamental ideal.

We believe that America is a democratic republic, by and for the people: ruled by the Constitution and its interpretations, protected by the Bill of Rights, and inspired by the Declaration of Independence.

We believe these founding documents demand Freedom, Justice, and Opportunity for all Americans, in full and equal measure .. regardless of who you are, what you believe, or where you live.

We believe that the Duty of government is to strive endlessly to make the ideals of Freedom, Justice, and Opportunity a reality for all.

We believe that the Purpose of government is to protect our nation, defend our democracy, and to endlessly promote the welfare of each and every one of us.

We believe that fighting for these ideals is our purpose as a political party.



We hold these things to be self-evident:

Freedom means ...

- The right of every citizen to shape their own life, and their beliefs -- so long as it does not infringe on the rights or safety of others.
- The free flow of information and movement.
- The right to privacy.
- Free and fair elections, at every level, in every place in America:
 - o Elections that are fully transparent.
 - o Elections that are free of the role of wealth and the wealthy.
 - o Elections that guarantee unlimited and easy access to voting for every American citizen.

Justice means ...

- A society where every citizen is safe in their person and their home, and their day-to-day lives.
- A society where every citizen is treated with dignity, regardless of race, creed, or personal difference of any kind.
- A society where every citizen is treated equally before the law, and by the law.
- A society where racism is wrong, where discrimination is wrong, where the government intervenes when racism or discrimination threatens a person's basic rights.

Opportunity means ...

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- Every American deserves an equal chance to pursue their dreams, to be judged on their ability and their effort alone.
- Every American, child and adult alike, deserves the education that gives them that chance.
- Every American adult deserves the chance to earn a living wage, and to work with dignity -- a job where pay, working conditions, and treatment are suitable reward for the effort and skill put in.
- Every American deserves to live without fear of hunger or homelessness or lack of medical care. These things are not only rights, they are America's moral duty to provide.
- Every American deserves to live in a healthy environment that includes clean air, clean water, and safe food.
- Every American deserves the chance to move forward: no one left out by change, and no one left behind ... no matter who they are or where they live.



We further believe that American democracy depends on ...

- A free and independent press, dedicated to truth and objectivity.
- An educated citizenry with free and easy access to information
- A nation that accepts and embraces diversity.
- Full financial transparency in election campaigns, in political office, and in government transactions.
- An American economy based on Free Enterprise and protected by the government from the baser instincts of large corporations and the financially powerful.
- The continued existence of a strong military, free of political involvement and financial corruption, and dedicated to protecting us against all enemies foreign and domestic.
- Educators and law enforcement officers being treated as among the most important parts of society, highly paid and stringently selected, and meeting exacting national standards of professionalism, ethics and psychological motivation.
- American citizens who care. Without this, nothing is possible.

This is what we believe.