

## **A Resolution Against the Legalization of Assisted Suicide in Minnesota and Renewing Minnesota's Commitment to Improving Care**

Text to include on your party's resolution form:

*"Be it resolved that the \_\_\_\_\_ Party of Minnesota should oppose legalization of physician assisted suicide and should instead support healthcare solutions that prioritize real care rather than hasten death."*

**If you are asked to explain why the above language would strengthen your party's platform, below are some talking points you may find helpful:**

- Minnesota is a state that has long prided itself on offering top quality healthcare.
- Public policy should seek to improve healthcare, not hasten death.
- Allowing medical professionals to prescribe lethal drugs damages the patient-provider relationship.
- Assisted suicide targets people who most deserve our assistance and compassion by treating their lives as undignified: those with disabilities, the elderly, persons of color, and low-income individuals.
- Experience with assisted suicide in places where it is legal shows it to be risky, lacking in safeguards, and promoting suicide.
- Society has a longstanding policy of supporting suicide prevention such as through the efforts of many public and private suicide prevention programs, the benefits of which could be denied under a public policy of assisted suicide.
- Palliative care is a proven way to relieve pain, provide comfort and offer comprehensive and individualized treatment that encompasses all aspects of care—physical, emotional, practical and spiritual.