Resolution 1

Primary Sponsor: Sen. Donna Soucy


Topic: A Resolution Honoring Senator Bette Lasky

Date Submitted: 5/30/18

Submitted by: Mail Email (x)

Honoring Senator Bette Lasky

WHEREAS, Bette Lasky has served as Senator for the State of New Hampshire from District 13; and

WHEREAS, Bette Lasky has served tirelessly since 1998; and

WHEREAS, Bette Lasky has served as a member of the Senate Committees on the Judiciary and Commerce; and

WHEREAS, Bette Lasky has advocated for free and fair elections and has been a longtime proponent of bringing commuter rail to New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, Bette Lasky has been a champion for women’s rights and fought for women’s access to full health services and paycheck fairness; and

WHEREAS, Bette Lasky was instrumental in the passage of New Hampshire’s civil union and marriage equality laws; and

WHEREAS, Bette Lasky has dedicated her life to the values of the Democratic Party;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2018 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Bette Lasky the highest praise and accolades for her dedication to the Democratic Party, her state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the New Hampshire Democratic Party thanks Bette Lasky for her years of service to the State of New Hampshire.
Resolution 2

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Renny Cushing


Topic: Ending the Federal Government’s Prohibition of Cannabis

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Resolution calling upon the Federal Government to remove cannabis from the list as a Schedule 1 drug under the Controlled Substances Act.

WHEREAS, New Hampshire and twenty-eight other states have legalized certain forms of cannabis usage, including for medical purposes; and

WHEREAS, seven states have legalized marijuana for adult recreational use and are creating substantial regulatory regimes with respect to the cannabis industry to ensure compliance with laws related to the growth, sale and usage of cannabis; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire and a number of states are considering legislation to legalize, tax and regulate marijuana; and

WHEREAS, business enterprises need access to financial institutions that provide capital, security, efficiency, and record keeping; and

WHEREAS, cannabis remains illegal at the federal level as a Schedule I drug under the federal Controlled Substances Act; and

WHEREAS, the federal Bank Secrecy Act and its implementing regulations impose substantial administrative and operational burdens, compliance risk and regulatory risk that serve as a barrier to banks and credit unions providing banking services to businesses and individuals involved in the cannabis industry; and

WHEREAS, providing banking services to cannabis related businesses entails additional risk to banks and credit unions arising from the fact that cannabis is a Schedule I drug under the Controlled Substances Act, substantially increasing risk of civil or criminal liability; and

WHEREAS, a large and growing cash-only industry attracts criminal activity and creates substantial public safety risks, reduces transparency in accounting and makes it difficult for a state to implement an effective regulatory regime; and
WHEREAS, New Hampshire and other states do not have any control over the enforcement of federal laws and cannot enact legislation that provides banks and credit unions with protections necessary to overcome federal law; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire Democratic Party believes that the Controlled Substances Act should be amended to remove cannabis from scheduling thus enabling financial institutions the ability to provide banking services to cannabis related businesses; and allow New Hampshire and each state to craft its own laws and policies relative to the legalization, regulation and taxation of cannabis
Resolution 3

Primary Sponsor: New Hampshire Stonewall Democrats Executive Committee

Co-sponsors:

Topic: A Resolution Celebrating the Inclusion and Advancements of LGBTQ+ People

Date Submitted: 5/31/18

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Celebrating the Inclusion and Advancements of LGBTQ+ People

WHEREAS, New Hampshire became the first state to legislate marriage equality in 2009; and

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire Democratic Party has run and elected LGBTQ+ people to state, municipal, and local office; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire Democrats voted unanimously to protect Trans* Granite Staters from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire Democrats voted unanimously to protect LGBTQ+ youth from harmful conversion therapy; and

WHEREAS the Democratic Party platform pledges to fight for LGBTQ+ rights; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire Democratic Party celebrates the advancements made by the LGBTQ+ community in New Hampshire, pledges to advocate for and defend those advancements at the local, state, and national levels, and pledges to include LGBTQ+ voices and perspectives in Party functions and policies.
Resolution 4

Primary Sponsor: Rep Renny Cushing

Co-sponsors: Rich O’Leary, Mindi Messmer, Burt Cohen

Topic: A Resolution opposing the Death Penalty

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Resolution Opposing the Death Penalty

WHEREAS; the use of the death penalty is filled with human error, violates human rights, does not serve the interests of victims of crime, diverts precious law enforcement resources away from where they are needed most, and is a failed public policy; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New Hampshire Democratic Party calls for the abolition of the death penalty in New Hampshire.
Resolution 5

Primary Sponsor: Susan Roman

Co-sponsors: Rich O’Leary, Mindi Messmer, Burt Cohen

Topic: A Resolution in support of abolishing the Doctrines of “Corporate Constitutional Rights” and “Money Equals Political Speech”

Date Submitted: 6/1/18

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A Resolution in support of abolishing the Doctrines of “Corporate Constitutional Rights” and “Money Equals Political Speech”

WHEREAS the New Hampshire Democratic Party is committed to working to overturn, by constitutional amendment if necessary, the decision in Citizens United v. Federal Elections Commission that allows corporations to give unlimited amounts of money to political campaigns, and to clarify that corporations are not persons and constitutional rights are for natural persons only, and to end the doctrine that money is speech; and

WHEREAS the Democratic Party in its 2016 Platform recognized that Democrats support a constitutional amendment to overturn Citizens United; and

WHEREAS Democrats seek to encourage New Hampshire’s elected officials to use all their constitutional authority, including, but not limited to, proposing and ratifying one or more amendments to the United States Constitution to make clear that corporations should not have the same constitutional rights as human beings and to allow the full regulation or limitation of campaign contributions and spending, to ensure that all citizens, regardless of wealth, may express their views to one another; and

WHEREAS corporations are not mentioned in the U.S. Constitution, and the People have never granted constitutional rights to corporations, nor have we decreed that corporations have authority that exceeds the authority of we the people of the United States, and;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the New Hampshire Democratic Party encourages candidates to support an amendment that addresses both of these doctrines, and we hereby call on our delegates to join the hundreds of thousands of citizens, grassroots organizations and local governments across the country to support an Amendment to the U.S. Constitution making clear that (1) corporations do not possess the inherent and inalienable rights of people; and (2) that the raising and spending of money in elections can be regulated.
Resolution 6

Primary Sponsor: Mo Baxley

Co-sponsors: Ryan Richman, Sue Ford

Topic: A Resolution on the Importance of Public Drinking Water

Date Submitted: 6/1/18

Submitted by: Mail Email (x)

A Resolution on the Importance of Public Drinking Water

WHEREAS, On May 14, 2018 it was reported that the White House, EPA headed off releasing a chemical pollution study that showed the current EPA Public Health Advisory is more than 6 times too high; and

WHEREAS, The EPA has not issued a Drinking Water Maximum Contaminant Level for PFAs compounds; and

WHEREAS, clean water is a human right and local, state, and federal government should ensure all Americans have access to it; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2018 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention calls upon the EPA and CDC to commit to transparency regarding studies on public drinking water.