Explanation

Resolutions come from committees in each of the county parties in the state. Their proposals are forwarded to the Democratic Party of New Mexico (DPNM), State Platform and Resolutions Committee where they are reviewed and amended by the committee, which consists of volunteers from around the state. The "Report of The State Platform and Resolutions Committee" is then presented to the membership of the State Central Committee en masse and voted on at the semi-annual statewide meetings. As such, resolutions represent guiding principles that party members should follow, and the basis for the DPNM platform.

Military Issues

Support our troops. Oppose the continued military occupation of Iraq, and urge the government of the United States of America to plan immediately for the withdrawal of its military forces from Iraq, specify a target date for the completion of the withdrawal which is no later than December 2006, initiate the withdrawal process as soon as possible to signal our good intentions, and announce that the US has no plans for a long-term presence in Iraq, except for that associated with normal diplomatic relations between countries.

Support full funding of the VA Health Care System. Provide VA benefits that provide health care at the same level that members of Congress receive.

Equal treatment of military forces, including activated reserve and national guard units, as to pay, benefits, medical care, travel, and service related benefits upon return from a combat zone. This equal treatment should extend to all citizens regardless of lifestyle or sexual preference.

Request an independent investigation of the Bush administration due to its failure to prevent sexual assault of military personnel and the subsequent retaliation against the victims when they report an assault.

Renounce the use of private contractors to perform military and intelligence functions on behalf of the country, and insist that all military and intelligence activities be performed by armed service personnel and government employees.

Amend the Uniform Code Of Military Conduct to divest the President of the discretion to suspend the use of principles of law and rules of procedure in Military Justice proceedings.

We believe that no member of the United States Armed Services should be coerced, forced, manipulated or evangelized to any particular religion, nor any religious beliefs.

We believe that women serving in the United States Armed Forces should be afforded full access to all reproductive and health care procedures and options on military bases, domestic and abroad.

Oppose any unilateral war against any nation which has not attacked or invaded our homeland unless the community of nations, through the United Nations, is in agreement with us, given that the Democratic Party favors working with the United Nations and under treaties to which the United States is a party.

Civil Rights Issues

Support the rights of all citizens to be treated equally under the law by supporting legislation which guarantees every citizen equal rights, regardless of their sexual preference, and by supporting legislation which outlaws discrimination against persons on the basis of their sexual preference.

Oppose any definition of civil marriage that restricts eligibility based on sexual orientation. The Democratic Party of New Mexico (DPNM) will work to repeal the Defense of Marriage Act and support the right of all citizens to civil marriage.

Persue legislation to preserve our valued right, and gain those rights that have not yet been attained in the quest for a living wage for all workers, health care for everyone, (including children), an atmosphere that prizes diversity as a gift rather than a threat, and a society so confident in its own strength and respected position among nations that war would become a sad and evermore distant nightmare.

Call for an immediate repeal of the Patriot Act.

Commit the DPNM to protect the citizens of New Mexico from interference by the President and Congress with our right to privacy in our health decisions, i.e., the right-to-die and women's reproductive choices.

Call on all levels of government and elected representatives to examine, in light of American ethos and tradition, the manner in which Americans (regardless of economic status or ethnic and religious heritage), foreign visitors, detainees of the "War on Terror" and prisoners in American jails are treated and to take steps to improve the respect for human rights. Demand that the United States abide by the Geneva Conventions in the conduct of war, that other nations' citizens who do not be treated as war criminals, and that the US military or any of our nation's intelligence agencies never use torture of prisoners or detainees.

Regulate payday loans to reflect reasonable interest rates, provide for extended repayment schedules, and limit the number of permitted loan rollovers.

Political Issues

Affirm the separation of church and state so that religious entities are free from control by the state, the state is free from undue influence by religious entities, and the religious liberty of all may be preserved.

Enact National Voter Registration standards that ensure the uniformity of voter registration, establish technology providing for voter-verifiable paper ballots as part of the voting equipment, eliminate barriers to voting by expanding the hours of polling, provide for mail-in absentee voting, allow election-day registration, and pass a federally guaranteed right-to-vote act.

Request a special independent commission on election reform be empanelled by Congress that is charged with the examination of the 2000 and 2004 elections and the allegations of abuse, manipulation and voter suppression, and current electoral process-related deficiencies, and that investigative material be turned over to a special prosecutor, so that such abuses can be appropriately addressed with election reform legislation. Require all government entities to take responsibility for informing voters of their responsibilities and their rights regarding voting procedures, locations, and any and all changes, not only in a timely manner, but also in a more direct process than the "legal-ads" of privately-owned and published newspapers.

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Require that the FCC reinstate enforcement of the Fairness Doctrine. Require all videos produced by the government clearly identify, to the viewer, that they are government generated and not independently researched documentaries.

Support the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and oppose the continued development of a new generation of nuclear weapons.

Election Issues

Support the requirement that electronic voting machines have open source code.

Support automatic recounts of paper ballots and machine rechecks in a randomized sample of precincts in each election.

Support establishing a holiday for federal elections.

Support the impeachment of President George W. Bush.

Economic Issues

Insure that Social Security will not be reduced, privatized or otherwise diminished, and will be maintained properly to insure a secure, guaranteed base upon which future generations can build a dignified retirement, and vigorously oppose any weakening of Social Security by allowing benefits to be linked to price indexing rather than wages and any diversion of Social Security contributions into personal private accounts. Support removal of the present income cap on FICA tax so that all citizens pay the same percentage without respect to their total income.

Support the establishment and enforcement of a living wage for all New Mexico workers.

Regulate profits from contracts for work and services associated with efforts of war so they do not exceed a reasonable fee. Insure that the awarding of the contracts be done on a fair bidding basis, and that timely audits by an independent body be conducted to insure the contractor is performing as stipulated in the contract.

Support legislation, programs and initiatives geared to creating affordable housing, appropriate infrastructure and economic development opportunities for New Mexico Community Land Grants and their heirs.

Support the strengthening of the US rail passenger service as an essential part of the transportation system through restoration of federal funding for Amtrak.

Pursue legislation to eliminate the ownership of news media by corporations that sell anything other than news, prohibit the ownership of multiple media outlets by a single company, and require local ownership of newspapers, radio and television stations and support funding and access for publicly owned multi-media in all areas of the country.

Health Issues

Fully Fund New Mexico's Medicaid program with no further cuts.

Support Universal Single-Payer Healthcare, to be administered initially by Medicare and funded by an income-based tax levied on all citizens of the United States.

Oppose the cutting of funds for treatment of substance abuse, particularly in regard to youth.

Education Issues

Uphold the obligation to provide to all U. S. citizens a high quality and inexpensive vocational and/or professional education.

Support repeal of the portion of the No Child Left Behind Act that requires schools to allow military recruiters on school sites and provide them access to all students and their contact information.

Support mandatory proficiency in a second language as a requirement for graduation from any state-accredited high school in New Mexico.
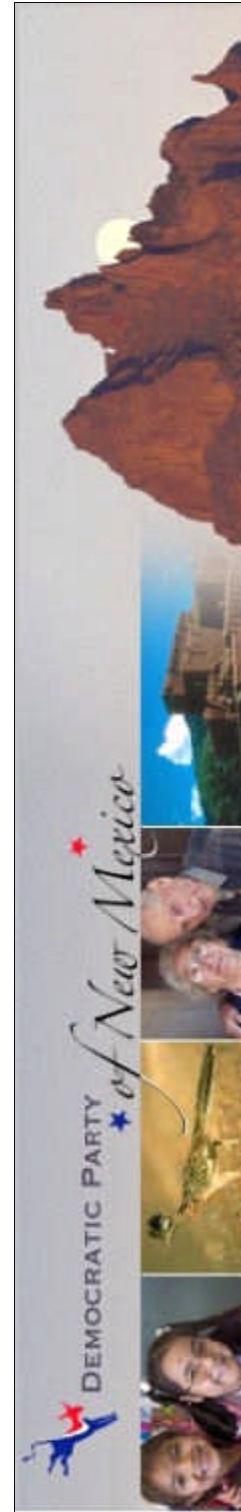
Support of programs and funding for creating a permanent place for mental health professionals with the public school system in New Mexico.

Environment Issues

Support the preservation of Otero Mesa, the Valle Vidal and rejoin the Koyoto Treaty.

Support the enforcement of the Clean Air Act.

Support the reinstatement of CAFÉ standards of 40mpg on all vehicles below 1 ton.

Issues of the Democratic Party of New Mexico
This is what the Democrats of New Mexico voted to support:

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