



2020 Resolutions

Resolution 29

Topic: A Resolution Honoring Kathleen N. Sullivan

Primary Sponsor: Raymond Buckley

Co-Sponsors: U.S. Senator Jeanne Shaheen, U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan, Congressman Chris Pappas, Congresswoman Ann McLane Kuster

Date Submitted: April 20, 2020

Honoring Kathleen N. Sullivan

WHEREAS, Kathy Sullivan has been a tireless, effective and extraordinary member of the Democratic National Committee (DNC) for twenty-one years; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Sullivan served as State Party Chair for eight of those years amassing a remarkable record of success; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Sullivan served eleven years on the influential Rules and Bylaws Committee of the DNC;

WHEREAS, Kathy Sullivan led the effort to protect New Hampshire's First in the Nation Presidential Primary for two decades; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Sullivan served as a delegate to six Democratic National Conventions, twice as the NH Delegation Chair;

WHEREAS, Kathy Sullivan served as a NH Presidential Elector, casting her vote for the historic 2008 election of President Barack Obama; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Sullivan's courage and leadership exposed the NH Republicans for their phone jamming crimes, for which they were convicted and paid a hefty fine; and



WHEREAS, Kathy Sullivan has been the most effective Democratic spokesperson for New Hampshire; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Sullivan has dedicated her life to the values of the Democratic Party and brought great honor to the legacy of her late parents Senator Henry P. Sullivan and Rep. Mary Sullivan; and;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2020 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention hereby grant Kathleen N. Sullivan 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 Kathleen N. Sullivan for her years of service to the party and the State of New Hampshire.

Committee Vote, 5-0-0



Resolution 30

Topic: A Resolution Celebrating the Commitment of Physicians, Health Care Workers, First Responders, Essential Workers, and Those Who Lost their Lives to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Primary Sponsors: Mindi Messmer and Robert “Renny” Cushing

Co-Sponsors: N/A

Date Submitted: April 20, 2020

A Resolution related to Celebrating the Commitment of Physicians, Health Care Workers, First Responders, Essential Workers, and Those Who Lost their Lives to the COVID-19 Pandemic offered by Mindi Messmer and Robert “Renny” Cushing, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 9, 2020.

WHEREAS, health care workers and first responders have tirelessly and selflessly worked to save lives during the COVID-19 pandemic and by the nature of their work are at high risk or exposure; and

WHEREAS, health care workers, first responders, and essential workers have selflessly put themselves in harm’s way in spite of lack of adequate personal protective equipment (PPE); and,

WHEREAS, an enormous number of people have lost their lives and we will all continue to suffer for the duration of this pandemic and far beyond.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2020 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention honors the Health Care Workers, First Responders, Essential Workers, and all those who lost their lives to the COVID-19 Pandemic.

Committee Vote, 5-0-0



Resolution 31

Topic: A Resolution Commending Young Democrats for Running for Elected Office

Primary Sponsors: Lucas Meyer

Co-Sponsors: Gene Martin, Corey Garry, Laura O'Neill

Date Submitted: April 16, 2020

A Resolution Commending Young Democrats for Running for Elected Office

WHEREAS, New Hampshire is home to most successful Young Democrats of America Chapter in the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Staying true to the New Hampshire Young Democrats' mission to recruit, train, and help elect the next generation of progressive leaders in New Hampshire, they have helped 175 candidates under 40 run for office at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, the New Hampshire Young Democrats are grateful to the young people across the state who are stepping up to bring a new generation of progressive leadership to local offices, state government, and Congress; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire Young Democrats celebrate the progress made by young people in New Hampshire and are grateful for all of the Young Democratic Elected Officials sacrifices to serve their communities and state; and

WHEREAS, in President Barack Obama's farewell address, he called on America's youth to push for social and political progress through grassroots and political involvement when stated, "If something needs fixing, then lace up your shoes and do some organizing. If you're disappointed by your elected officials, grab a clipboard, get some signatures, and run for office yourself."

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the New Hampshire Democratic Party encourages more young people to heed President Obama's words and run for office to continue to make lasting progressive change in New Hampshire and beyond.



Resolution 32

Topic: A Resolution in Support of Removing Barriers to Reproductive Freedom

Primary Sponsor: Zandra Rice Hawkins

Co-Sponsor: N/A

Date Submitted: April 20, 2020

A Resolution in Support of Removing Barriers to Reproductive Freedom

A Resolution related to removing barriers to reproductive freedom offered by the New Hampshire Democratic Party, for consideration by the New Hampshire Democratic Party Convention on Saturday, May 9, 2020.

WHEREAS, We believe reproductive rights are human rights; and

WHEREAS, We believe unequivocally, like the majority of Americans, that every person should have access to quality reproductive health care services, including safe and legal abortion — regardless of where they live, how much money they make, or how they are insured; and

WHEREAS, We must oppose discrimination and barriers that inhibit meaningful access to reproductive health care services, including those based on gender, sexuality, race, income, disability, and other factors; and

WHEREAS, In our state and across the nation access to abortion care is under attack in legislatures and the courts; and

WHEREAS, The Hyde Amendment allows politicians to interfere in the private health decisions of people and unequally and disproportionately affects low- income people, people of color, young people, and immigrants; and



WHEREAS, The Supreme Court has repeatedly affirmed the constitutional right to choose abortion, making clear the legal imperative that government has no place getting in between people and their doctors; and

WHEREAS, New Hampshire has a long history of majority support for reproductive rights;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2020 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention calls for the repeal of the Hyde Amendment as a necessary step forward to ensuring everyone can equally access their constitutionally-protected right to abortion care.

Committee Vote, 5-0-0



Resolution 33

Topic: A Resolution in Support of Medicare for All

Primary Sponsor: Jessica LaMontagne

Co-Sponsors: Bill Davis, David Greene, Sherry Frost, Mary E. Kelley, Walter King, Donna Maskwa, Elizabeth McCoy, Wayne Merritt, Cora Quisumbing-King, Pam Raley, Patricia Ross, Richard Spence, Susan Spence, Patricia Whitney

Date Submitted: April 20, 2020

A Resolution to Endorse Medicare for All by the New Hampshire Democratic Party, for consideration by the Virtual New Hampshire Convention on Saturday, May 9, 2020.

WHEREAS, we believe as Democrats we need to move toward universal health care by expanding participation in Medicare, a single-payer system, that is affordable not just accessible; that as a party we should unify by working toward a consensus policy.

WHEREAS, we believe a sustainable, cost-effective approach is to have one risk pool. The current system has two: private insurance profits from insuring the pool of mainly healthy, working adults, and the government insures the high risk: people with disabilities, people experiencing poverty, and all people the age of 64.

WHEREAS, we believe comprehensive, quality health insurance should not be dependent upon having a well-paying job with benefits. The COVID-19 Pandemic lays bare the travesty of millions of people losing their jobs and consequently their insurance.

WHEREAS, it will require Democrats to sponsor legislation that expands upon the Affordable Care Act with a Public Option opening Medicare to everyone.

WHEREAS, we believe Medicare premiums must be prorated by income, free for those who would now qualify for Medicaid, and remove the income cap.

WHEREAS, we must amend Title XVIII (Medicare) of the Social Security Act to require



Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) to negotiate with pharmaceutical companies for lower drug prices; make Medicare more comprehensive; empower the CMS to negotiate for sustainable, consistent, and reasonable reimbursement rates for medical providers and hospitals across the nation.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2020 New Hampshire Democratic State Convention supports a transition to Medicare for All.

Committee Vote, 5-0-0