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.