

## Resolutions Guide

Resolutions submitted to Convention help guide the party in developing policy and laying out our vision for Manitoba. Resolutions can be either with respect to policy positions taken by the party or with respect to the Party's own internal affairs and governance, including amendments to the Manitoba NDP Constitution.

Resolutions shall be submitted in clear language format. This means that instead of using “whereas” and “be it resolved” clauses, the standard template to write resolutions is:

**The Manitoba NDP will (...)** *This can be repeated if separate action clauses are need as many times as required.*

**Because (...)** *This can also be repeated as many times as needed, to provide context to your action clauses. Because clauses are not required but can help strengthen resolutions and provide context to the clauses listed above.*

A resolution can be submitted and endorsed by multiple constituencies, affiliates, and other bodies such as committees of Provincial Council or the MYND. All resolutions received by the Provincial Secretary ahead of February 23 will be circulated for consideration and endorsement to all bodies entitled to submit resolutions in late February.

Examples of resolutions passed at previous conventions are included below:

### Example 1 (Education and Youth resolution, passed at Convention 2022):

#### **Universal School Nutrition Program**

**THE MANITOBA NDP WILL** call on the provincial government to establish universal nutrition and meal programs for children in school.

**BECAUSE** far too many children are coming to school without the nutrition they need to effectively learn; and

**BECAUSE** current nutrition programming is fragmented, much of it relying on the identification of children in need, in a way that can be discriminatory; and

**BECAUSE** children need their basic needs met, including having enough to eat, in order to reach their full potential for learning.

### Example 2 (Constitutional Amendment resolution, passed at Convention 2022):

#### **Remove Gendered Pronouns from the Constitution**

**THE MANITOBA NDP WILL** amend Article 3 of the Constitution by adding in a new clause to follow Section 3 that states: Section 4: This Constitution uses the gender-neutral “they” as a singular pronoun.

**THE MANITOBA NDP WILL ALSO** amend Article 4, Section 1(1) of the Constitution by deleting ‘his/her’ and replacing it with ‘their’.

**THE MANITOBA NDP WILL ALSO** amend Appendix A Rules of Order: Provincial Convention, Article 20 by deleting ‘his/her’ and replacing it with ‘their’.

### Example 3 (Jobs and Economy resolution, passed at Convention 2014):

#### **Leave for Victims of Domestic Violence**

**THE MANITOBA NDP WILL** encourage the provincial government to provide for paid employment leave for victims of domestic violence.

**BECAUSE** victims need to feel safe and not having to deal with additional financial stresses will help the healing process.