

## **Families First Project**

A resolution that envisions a Minnesota where the economic wellbeing of the family has been elevated as the top priority for elected officials and a focal point of public policy discussion.

WHEREAS, our state is facing a demographic cliff, and we are not meeting replacement levels, and

WHEREAS, family fragmentation is the root of many problems facing our state such as homelessness, economic insecurity, and criminal justice problems, and

WHEREAS, we see a steady decline in marriage rates and family formation amongst middle- and working- classes, and

WHEREAS, we recognize that families are our state's most important producers and contribute greatly to our society by raising the next generation, and

WHEREAS, families raising children experience the brunt of increased costs of living on necessities such as transportation, consumer goods, healthcare, and housing, and

WHEREAS, it should be a priority to create an appropriate policy ecosystem that supports the creation of stable families and helps them flourish by making it easier to: get married, stay married, have kids, and raise those kids in economically stable households.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the \_\_\_\_\_ Party of Minnesota should support families by making family economic security the center of public policy discussions.