



## **2026 Resolutions Committee Final Report**

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# CR 2026-01: Resolution Supporting the Medicare for All Act of 2025 (H.R. 3069 and S. 1506)

Sponsored by Cami Keltch, 9th District Representative, Jessica Bailey, 1st District Representative, and Brett Wineinger, 6th District Representative

**WHEREAS**, our society has a moral obligation to ensure health care for all its people; and

**WHEREAS**, seven percent of Hoosiers under the age of 65 have no health insurance; and

**WHEREAS**, despite important gains made through the Affordable Care Act, 43% of working-age adults in the United States were inadequately insured in 2023, including 9% who were uninsured, 12% who had a gap in coverage over the past year, and 23% whose coverage did not provide affordable access to health care; and

**WHEREAS**, the COVID pandemic underscored the weakness and inequality of the US for-profit health care: with under 5% of the world's population, the United States suffered 16% of the world's COVID deaths; millions in the United States lost their employer sponsored insurance; and people of color in the Hoosier state suffered disproportionately higher rates of infection and mortality; and

**WHEREAS**, the typical non-elderly family in the United States spends \$5,600 per year out of pocket on health care premiums, deductibles, co-pays, co-insurance and uncovered care, and federal and state taxes for health programs, placing a substantial financial burden on moderate-income households who do not qualify for Medicaid; and

**WHEREAS**, many people delay seeking needed health care because they cannot afford the upfront costs, leading to a sicker and poorer population; and

**WHEREAS**, the ever-increasing costs of health care for Hoosiers challenge our already strapped state and municipal budgets; and

**WHEREAS**, our complex and confusing for-profit health care financing system often results in Hoosiers receiving large, unexpected bills, calls from debt collectors, and in some cases bankruptcy; and

**WHEREAS**, the healthcare outcomes in the United States include glaring racial inequalities that are due in part to the system's unequal and complex access to care; however, in those parts of healthcare in the United States where access is universal, such as Medicare, the VA, and dialysis, health care outcomes for people of color match and even exceed those of Whites; and

**WHEREAS**, the Medicare for All Act of 2025 (H.R. 3069/S. 1506) will provide national health insurance for every person living in the United States, covering all necessary primary, preventative and medical care; including hospital, surgical, and outpatient services, prescription drugs, mental health and substance abuse treatment; emergency services; reproductive care; dental, hearing and vision care; and long-term care; from birth to death; and

**WHEREAS**, the Medicare for All Act of 2025 will provide this care without co-pays, deductibles, or other out-of-pocket costs, and will eliminate most prior authorization delays, reduce bureaucracy, protect the doctor-patient relationship, and assure patients a free choice of providers and hospitals; and

**WHEREAS**, Medicare for All will guarantee that all Hoosiers and other United States residents will be fully covered for health care anywhere in the United States, regardless of employment status, marital status, citizenship status, income, age, or geography; and

**WHEREAS**, the new bills for both the House and Senate have been reintroduced for an expanded and improved Medicare for All which would cover everyone in the US from cradle to grave for any medically necessary care and medication; and

**WHEREAS**, the Congressional Budget Office has estimated that Medicare for All would save our health care system \$650 billion a year; and

**WHEREAS**, researchers at Yale University have estimated that Medicare for All would save 68,000 lives a year; and

**WHEREAS**, recent polls show that two thirds of Americans support Medicare for All;

Now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, the members of the Indiana Democratic Party State Convention enthusiastically support the Medicare for All Act of 2025 (H.R. 3069 and S. 1506) and call on our federal legislators to work toward its swift enactment to ensure equal access to high-quality health care for all who reside in the United States.

# CR 2026-02: Resolution Calling for a 21st Century Economic Bill of Rights

Sponsored by Jaekwon Akins, Representative for the College Democrats of Indiana

**WHEREAS**, in his 1944 State of the Union Address, President Franklin D. Roosevelt called for a “Second Bill of Rights,” declaring that “true individual freedom cannot exist without economic security and independence” and affirming that “necessitous men are not free men”; and

**WHEREAS**, President Roosevelt envisioned a new foundation of security and prosperity that would guarantee economic dignity and opportunity for all Americans regardless of station, race, or creed; and

**WHEREAS**, more than eighty years later, millions of Americans face rising costs of housing, health care, education, and basic necessities while wealth and economic power become increasingly concentrated in the hands of a few; and

**WHEREAS**, the Democratic Party has long championed the economic security of working people, from President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s New Deal to the modern Democratic Party Platform’s commitment to expanding opportunity, strengthening workers’ rights, lowering costs for families, and building a fair economy that works for everyone, which reflect the values of our Party; and

**WHEREAS**, recent economic policies, including the passage of President Donald Trump’s H.R.1, the “One Big Beautiful Bill Act”, threaten to deepen economic inequality while weakening the social safety net relied upon by millions of working families; and

**WHEREAS**, advancing a bold economic vision rooted in fairness, dignity, and shared prosperity is essential to strengthening American democracy and restoring trust in our institutions; and

**WHEREAS**, Democratic Parties across the country including the Massachusetts, California, West Virginia, and Arizona Democratic Parties, Democrats Abroad, and numerous local Democratic committees have adopted resolutions supporting a modern Economic Bill of Rights;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Indiana Democratic Party State Convention requests the Democratic National Committee reaffirms its commitment to building an economy that works for everyone and recognizes the importance of advancing a 21st Century Economic Bill of Rights grounded in the principles articulated by President Franklin D. Roosevelt; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Indiana Democratic Party State Convention requests the Democratic National Committee supports the following fundamental economic rights for all people in the United States:

- The right to a job that pays a living wage;
- The right to a voice and protections in the workplace through a union and collective bargaining, and other forms of workplace democracy;

- The right to start and own farms and businesses in rural communities that are not subject to market or supply chain control, unfair price competition, or other forms of unfair corporate coercion;
- The right to comprehensive quality health care including prescription medicines, vision,
- dental, hearing, and long term health care fully funded for all;
- The right to a complete cost-free public education and access to high speed and reliable
- broadband internet;
- The right to decent, safe, affordable housing;
- The right to a clean environment and a healthy planet;
- The right to food security, a childhood free of poverty, and a secure retirement;
- The right to affordable, high-quality childcare, and early childhood education;
- The right to sound banking and financial services;
- The right to an equitable and economically fair justice system; and
- The right to an equal voice in our democracy by limiting the undue influence of corporate contributions.

# CR 2026-03: Resolution Calling for an Expansion and Protection of Voting Rights in the State of Indiana

Sponsored by Jaekwon Akins, Representative for the College Democrats of Indiana

**WHEREAS**, the 15th, 19th, 24th, and 26th Amendments to the Constitution of the United States serve to protect and expand voting rights regardless of race, gender, and social class, and

**WHEREAS**, in the State of Indiana, voting rights and equity have been consistently under attack during recent legislative sessions, and

**WHEREAS**, constituents across the state, primarily those in minority-dominated areas, have been the victims of redistricting attempts that would restrict their political representation, and

**WHEREAS**, the Voting Rights Act has been effectively overturned by the Supreme Court of the United States, removing protections for marginalized voters and taking away their guarantee of access to the polls, and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Enrolled Act 10 prohibits the use of student identification cards as a form of valid voter identification, creating an unnecessary barrier for otherwise-eligible college students to participate in the legislative process, and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Indiana Democratic State Convention requests all committees of the Indiana Democratic Party reaffirm their commitment to protecting voter rights and equity across the state, and

**RESOLVED**, that it will stand firm in its advocacy for all eligible voters within the state to enjoy the freedoms offered to them through the Constitution, free from gerrymandering attempts, and

**RESOLVED**, that it will push for the creation and implementation of a non-partisan redistricting commission, and

**RESOLVED**, that the party will advocate for the privacy of voters and push back against federal requests for voter registration logs, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Indiana Democratic Party State Convention requests all committees of the Indiana Democratic Party push for the reinstatement of the terms of the Voting Rights Act, and will repeal Senate Enrolled Act 10, allowing college students to once again engage in the legislative process so long as they meet the other required criteria to vote.

# CR 2026-04: Resolution Supporting State Investment in Cancer Research and Survivorship

Sponsored by Elizabeth Anderson, 5th District Representative

## **Cancer Research and Survivorship**

Indiana Democrats support sustained state investment in cancer research, prevention, early detection, treatment, and survivorship programs. Cancer impacts hundreds of thousands of Hoosier families and remains one of the leading causes of death in Indiana. We support funding innovative research conducted by Indiana's universities, healthcare systems, and life sciences industry to improve outcomes, reduce disparities, and accelerate cures. We also support policies that ensure all cancer survivors have access to quality follow-up care, mental health support, rehabilitation services, and affordable treatment. After more than 20 years of one-party rule and zero state investment in cancer research, it is time for Indiana to make saving lives a priority.

## **A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING STATE INVESTMENT IN CANCER RESEARCH AND SURVIVORSHIP**

**WHEREAS**, cancer remains one of the leading causes of death in Indiana and impacts hundreds of thousands of Hoosier families across every county in our state, regardless of age, race, income, geography, or political affiliation; and

**WHEREAS**, approximately 40,000 Hoosiers are diagnosed with cancer each year and thousands die from the disease annually; and

**WHEREAS**, Indiana is home to world-class cancer researchers, healthcare providers, universities, hospitals, and life sciences companies that are leading breakthroughs in cancer prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship; and

**WHEREAS**, despite Indiana's leadership in healthcare and life sciences, the State of Indiana has never made a direct state appropriation dedicated to cancer research; and

**WHEREAS**, investments in cancer research not only improve health outcomes but also attract federal funding, support innovation, create high-paying jobs, and strengthen Indiana's economy; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the members of the Indiana Democratic Party State Convention support sustained state investment in cancer research conducted by Indiana universities, hospitals, and research institutions; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the members of the Indiana Democratic Party State Convention support efforts to reduce cancer disparities, expand access to screening and treatment, and improve quality of life for cancer survivors and their families; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the members of the Indiana Democratic Party State Convention support efforts to reduce cancer disparities and ensure that all Hoosiers, including those in rural, underserved, and historically marginalized communities, have access to the benefits of cancer research and innovation; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the members of the Indiana Democratic Party State Convention call upon state leaders to make meaningful and sustained investments in cancer research so that Indiana can become a national leader in the fight against cancer.

# CR 2026-5: A resolution encouraging the Indiana Democratic State Central Committee to establish the position of State Party Historian

Sponsored By: Bob Hensell, 2nd Congressional District Representative

**WHEREAS**, the preservation of institutional history is essential to maintaining continuity, strengthening organizational identity, and honoring the contributions of those who have advanced the values and mission of the Democratic Party; and

**WHEREAS**, the history of the Party includes the work of elected officials, candidates, precinct leaders, activists, volunteers, caucuses, and local county party organizations whose efforts deserve to be documented and preserved for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, maintaining accurate historical records provides valuable institutional knowledge during leadership transitions and assists future party leaders in understanding past strategies, successes, and challenges; and

**WHEREAS**, historical archives, oral histories, photographs, campaign materials, convention records, and other documents serve as important educational and communications resources for members, candidates, students, researchers, and the public; and

**WHEREAS**, a formal Party Historian or Historical Committee could assist with organizing archival materials, commemorating significant anniversaries and milestones, recognizing longtime party leaders and volunteers, and promoting awareness of the Party's legacy throughout the state; and

**WHEREAS**, many civic, governmental, and political organizations benefit from designated historical preservation efforts that strengthen member engagement and organizational culture;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Indiana Democratic State Central Committee is encouraged to establish the position of State Party Historian, or alternatively create a Historical Committee, charged with preserving, organizing, and promoting the history of the Party and its affiliated organizations; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the duties of the Historian or Historical Committee may include collecting and preserving party records and memorabilia, conducting oral history projects, assisting with anniversary commemorations, supporting educational initiatives, and collaborating with county parties and affiliated organizations to document local party history; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Democratic State Central Committee is requested to empower the State Chair to appoint an individual or committee composed of members with an interest or background in history, archives, communications, records management, or distinguished service to the Party to carry out the responsibilities outlined in this resolution; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Democratic State Central Committee is requested to recognize the preservation of Party history as an investment in the future strength, identity, continuity, and institutional memory of the Democratic Party and its mission.

# CR 2026-6: A Resolution Recognizing Religious Freedom as a Fundamental Right and Rejecting Divisive Rhetoric

Sponsored by Karla Lopez Owens, Latino Democratic Caucus Representative

**WHEREAS**, the Indiana Democratic Party recognizes religious liberty and mutual respect as foundational elements of democracy, human rights, and the rule of law both at home and abroad, essential to ensuring that every individual feels valued, safe, and free to live with dignity;

**WHEREAS**, the First Amendment of the Constitution stipulates that “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof”;

**WHEREAS**, in recent years there has been an alarming increase in hate speech, extremism, and hate crimes targeting individuals based on religion, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, or place of origin;

**WHEREAS**, in May 2026, Indiana Lieutenant Governor Micah Beckwith publicly attacked the Islamic faith, declaring that he "hates Islam," falsely characterizing it as a "demonic death cult," and explicitly calling on others to join in that hatred; and

**WHEREAS**, such inflammatory rhetoric from a statewide elected official constitutes state-sanctioned hate speech that spreads dangerous misinformation, marginalizes Muslim Hoosiers, and actively undermines progress to combat hate speech, extremism and the rise in hate crimes;

**RESOLVED**, That the Indiana Democratic Party State Convention stands firm in its commitment to:

- Recognize and defend religious freedom as a fundamental human right, essential to supporting democracy, good governance, and pluralism;
- Hold public officials accountable for false speech and hateful rhetoric against people of any faith: unequivocally disavow and condemn the hateful, divisive comments made by Lieutenant Governor Micah Beckwith;
- Advocate for spaces encouraging dialogue from Hoosiers of all religious backgrounds and faiths; and
- Condemn the use of political power to fuel hate speech toward any religion, efforts to suppress religious freedom or marginalize faith-based communities.