

## **PRECINCT CAUCUS RESOLUTION**

**CATEGORY: Labor & Employment**

**SUBJECT: Freedom to Join Together in Strong Unions**

**WHEREAS**, working people across Minnesota come together in unions to advance values that are good for all workers, families and communities; the collective voice of union members ensures families win the pay, benefits and respect they deserve to be able to live secure, healthy and happy lives;

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Supreme Court will take up a case this term called *Janus v. AFSCME*, which would make the entire public sector “right to work;”

**WHEREAS**, *Janus* is a purely political scheme funded by right-wing billionaires and corporate elites whose multi-million-dollar campaign seeks to weaken our labor unions;

**WHEREAS**, anti-union forces figure that abolishing fair-share fees will drain unions of the resources workers need to have a voice at the bargaining table and the ballot box;

**WHEREAS**, strong unions are the best defense against endless attempts to rig the economic and political systems against working people;

**WHEREAS**, with a shrinking middle class and a growing gap between the rich and the rest of us, the last thing America needs is an assault on the freedom of working people to form strong unions and speak up for our families and our communities;

**WHEREAS**, here in Minnesota, members of strong unions are scoring victories like higher minimum wages for all workers, safer staffing levels for patients, and smaller class sizes for students; and

**WHEREAS**, the forces behind this case are the same forces that have pushed to limit voting rights, undermine civil rights, and attack immigrants.

**BE IT RESOLVED:** That the \_\_\_\_\_ Party of Minnesota unites in a belief that our state can be a place where everyone is able to live a secure, healthy and happy life; where all workers have the freedom to join together in strong unions to build a brighter future for our families and our communities.