

## **A Resolution of AMOS – A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy**

A Resolution for **Universal Healthcare:**

Whereas access to affordable and quality health care for all is essential for creating a community where all can succeed, and

Whereas 9% of Iowans are unable to obtain affordable healthcare insurance, and

Whereas Iowans repeatedly have indicated that access to affordable healthcare and healthcare insurance is the top issue that directly impacts them and their families,

Be it therefore resolved that the \_\_\_\_\_ Party of \_\_\_\_\_ County in Iowa hereby endorses and fully supports the adoption of a universal health care plan by the Iowa Legislature as a result of the work of the 2007 Legislative Commission on Affordable Health Care Plans for Small Businesses and Families, and

Be it further resolved that the \_\_\_\_\_ Party of Iowa strongly endorses the adoption of universal health care for all Americans by the U.S. Congress.

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### **A Resolution Concerning Wages and Affordable Housing:**

Whereas we believe in ensuring that those who work can provide for themselves and their families, and

Whereas even with the recent increase in the minimum wage—the first increase since 1997, minimum-wage earners must spend more than 30% and often more than half of their income for housing,

Be it herefore resolved that the \_\_\_\_\_ Party of \_\_\_\_\_ County in Iowa hereby endorses and fully supports the annual adjustment of the minimum wage so that people working 40 hours a week at minimum wage can afford at least the fair market rent for the least expensive available housing in their city of residence while not spending more than 30% of their income on housing.

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### A Resolution Concerning **Predatory Lending**:

Whereas, we believe in developing communities in which all have the opportunity to succeed and find the wealth stripping of predatory lending antithetical to [opposing] that goal at an individual, community, state and national level, and

Whereas academics and industry observers alike have reached a consensus on the payday loan debt trap, consistently recognizing payday lending as a practice of proffering high-cost, long-term debt rather than short-term cash advances, and

Whereas this debt trap locks borrowers into a cycle of revolving credit with an average APR, in 2005, of 382% in Iowa, and higher in many other states, and

Whereas the predatory lending industry advertises loans as quick and easy ways to get cash, but, in fact, make a majority of their profit by flipping loans that leave consumers hopelessly trapped and unable to pay, and

Whereas, we commend the Iowa Legislature and the Governor for passing legislation in 2007 limiting interest rates on car title loans, we believe that predatory lending needs to be attacked in all its guises.

Therefore, be it resolved that \_\_\_\_\_ Party of \_\_\_\_\_ County in Iowa Hereby endorses and fully supports the capping of annual interest rates on small consumer loans at an all-inclusive 36 percent, matching the current national rate cap for military families, to allow for responsible credit to flow, while saving working Americans the billions of dollars now lost to predatory payday lenders, and

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A Resolution Concerning **Immigration:**

Whereas we believe in the inherent dignity and worth of all people regardless of birthplace; and

Whereas our country is a nation of immigrants who collectively have built the United States into a world leader; and

Whereas we believe that families should not be divided by national boundaries; and

Whereas the United States needs the invigorating presence and contributions of newcomers today as much as during its early years; and

Whereas the trade policies and political practices that benefit the United States sometimes bring harm to the peoples of other nations and drives them to flee to the U.S. for survival and economic opportunity, therefore

Be it resolved that the \_\_\_\_\_ Party of \_\_\_\_\_ County

1. Supports legislation that creates:
  - a. An efficient, fair, and timely process for immigrants already in the U.S. to attain legal residence; and
  - b. Sufficient personnel and funding to eliminate the excessive backlog in processing immigration applications; and
2. Encourages our nation to engage in fair trade practices that not only benefit our country, but that do not harm the people of other nations.

## **A Resolution of AMOS – A Mid-Iowa Organizing Strategy**

A Resolution for **Open and Accessible Government**:

Whereas a healthy democratic republic requires government by, for and of the people; and

Whereas inordinate power and influence on the decisions of government is now exercised by paid professional lobbyists, those with the most financial resources, and the interests of “organized money”; and

Whereas a democracy based on a system of checks and balances no longer works when only the narrow interests of those with money are heard;

Be it therefore resolved that the \_\_\_\_\_ Party of \_\_\_\_\_ County will push for open, transparent government that is accessible and accountable to ordinary citizens and citizen-based organizations.

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### **A Resolution Concerning the Environment:**

Whereas the Inter-governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), the international community's most respected assemblage of scientists, has found that climate disruption is a reality and that human activities are largely responsible for increasing concentrations of global warming pollution; and

Whereas recent, well-documented impacts of climate disruption include average global sea level increases of four to eight inches during the 20<sup>th</sup> century; a 40 percent decline in Arctic sea-ice thickness; and nine of the ten hottest years on record occurring in the past decade; and

Whereas, climate disruption of the magnitude now predicted by the scientific community will cause extremely costly disruption of human and natural systems throughout the world including; increased risk of floods or droughts; sea-level rises that interact with coastal storms to erode beaches, inundate land and damage structures; more frequent and extreme heat waves; more frequent and greater concentrations of smog; and

Whereas, on February 16, 2005, the Kyoto Protocol, an international agreement to address climate disruption, went into effect in the 141 countries that have ratified it to date; 38 of those countries are now legally required to reduce greenhouse gas emissions on average 5.2 percent below 1990 levels by 2012; and

Whereas, the United States of America, with less than five percent of the world's population, is responsible for producing approximately 25 percent of the world's global warming pollutants; and

Whereas, the Kyoto Protocol emissions reduction target for the US would have been 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012;

**Therefore**, be it resolved that the \_\_\_\_\_ Party of \_\_\_\_\_ County in Iowa hereby endorses and fully supports the federal government to enact policies and programs to meet or beat the target of reducing global warming pollution levels to 7 percent below 1990 levels by 2012; and

Be it further resolved that the \_\_\_\_\_ Party strongly recommends the US Congress to pass bipartisan greenhouse gas reduction legislation.