

IOWA DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLATFORM COMMITTEE:

STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES, PREAMBLE TO THE PARTY PLATFORM

Passed in Platform Committee 6.15.2024 and approved at Party Convention

Statement of Principles

1. Iowa Democrats believe passionately in the ideals set forth in 1787 in the Preamble to the United States Constitution, embedding in it the wisdom to construct a democratic republic, which would “form a more perfect union, establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense, promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.”
2. Democrats believe the purpose of government is to act on behalf of every one’s human rights equally, to engage in environmental stewardship and establish the right to clean air, soil, and water, and to oversee the equitable distribution of resources, affording all citizens the opportunity to attain their highest level of social, cultural, economic, mental, and physical well-being.
3. Iowa Democrats support the equal application of justice in all courts, a government separated from the influence of a particular religious belief, respect for each person’s liberty and potential, and religious freedom while respecting the beliefs of others and their rights.
4. Iowa Democrats support the progressive taxation of public dollars for PreK-14 public education and area education agencies to provide special education, training, and media services to all certified schools in the state.
5. We support honesty and transparency in government and political communications and political contributions, divestment from monied influence in campaigns and elections, and elections that focus on policy issues.
6. Our young and idealistic democracy, nationally and in Iowa, has been a testament to the advancement of the ideals bequeathed to us in our founding. We are proud of the Democratic Party’s contributions to our nation’s heritage, accomplishments, diversity, and movement toward a “more perfect union.” We preserve and advance diversity, sustainability, opportunity, and equality. We embrace our rights and sacred duty to continue the work of national improvement that began over two centuries ago.