

## *2015 Goals: A 44th Democrats New Year's Resolution*

Whereas our community, our state, and our country have unfinished business in providing justice for all, equality for all, and compassion for all . . .

. . . we affirm the need to fight for the rights of all citizens in our community through defense of equal justice under the law. Let us stand together to defend the Constitutional and moral obligation for all to have the human rights of free choice and of equal opportunity without discrimination.

. . . we affirm the need to fight for fair wages and working conditions with guaranteed rights for collective bargaining. Let us end wealth inequality in our country to insure the ability of those from all economic backgrounds to have the education, the economic infrastructure, and the opportunity to earn a rightful living wage based on the willingness to work and achieve.

. . . we affirm the need to fight for the protection and future survival of our families through aggressive stewardship of our environment. Let us show our community that long term action is needed to sustain our perishable resources that provide us with healthy water, healthy air, food sources, and economic livelihoods that are already at risk due to our negative impact on the environment.

. . . we affirm the need to seek care and compassion for all of our neighbors. Let us continue to work for affordable health care, a secure retirement, and a safety net for those who experience the need for assistance. It is these issues that reflect our moral commitment to help one another having been blessed with a wealthy economy.

. . . we affirm the need to support full funding of public education as the bedrock of a just society and to insure our best chance at economic competitiveness with the rest of our global neighbors. Let us fight to insure an education system that provides all students with a comprehensive public education free of segregation and economic inequality.

. . . we affirm the need to fight for the fundamental ideals of democracy. Let us demand a fair and equal voice so that all can participate in our political system without being compromised by a powerful few so that political influence represents the will of the people and not a minority of a powerful elite class based on wealth.

. . . we affirm the need for a strong national defense through waging peace. Let us demand that our funding first, and without exception, take care of those who willingly provide their lives to the service of their country. No veteran should have to wait for promised benefits of health care, job training, or financial compensation for an extended period of time. To honor our current neighbors in military service, let us expect a practice of diplomacy and respect instead of aggression with regards to our foreign policy. Let our funding be for the true needs of defending our country instead of lining the pockets of businesses who would profit from the business of destruction.

. . . we affirm the need to be leaders in honoring and fighting for democracy. Let us fight for the rights, benefits, and freedoms that will benefit those who share our beliefs and those who oppose our views. Let us listen, use rational data, and a spirit of good will to do the right thing always, that which benefits the most, not that which benefits the few.

Let us affirm, that without determination, without participation, and without sacrifice to our values, nothing can be accomplished and much can be lost. Let us resolve to join together and fight for our values in 2015!