



A resolution supporting Safe and Affordable Drinking Water and investing in Water Infrastructure to deliver it to our homes and businesses:

WHEREAS, water is essential to sustaining life and is needed everyday in our homes and businesses; and

WHEREAS, drinking water and wastewater systems in the United States deliver drinking water and remove and treat wastewater from homes and businesses using complex and expensive infrastructure including plants, pumps, and pipes; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Water Works Association, it will cost an estimated \$1 trillion to maintain and expand service to meet demands over the next 25 years in the US; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Water Works Association, it will cost an estimated \$11 billion to maintain service to meet demands over the next 20 years in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Protection Agency and MN Department of Health estimate that it will cost \$300 million in Minnesota and \$45 billion nationwide to remove all Lead Service Lines, which are the largest source of Lead in drinking water and disproportionately affects communities of color and low-income communities.

WHEREAS, Minnesotans have a widely-shared expectation that one role of government is to protect people and their health. Providing safe and affordable drinking water for everyone is one of those essential roles; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the \_\_\_\_\_ party supports:

- increasing investments in the necessary infrastructure
- implementing policies that protect water quality, remove Lead Service Lines, and prioritize safe and affordable drinking water.