



## Selected Text from 2014 Iowa Democratic Party Platform

We are proud of our Democratic Party as the party of our nation's heritage, accomplishments, and diversities. Our American spirit is a beacon to people struggling for their rights throughout the world. No part of that heritage is more valuable than our beliefs in the inclusion of ALL and commitment to ALL, with recognition of the rights and worth of each individual.

We, the People of the Democratic Party of Iowa, affirm the following:

We support a strong separation of church and state as envisioned by our founding fathers and incorporated in the constitution of the United States.

We support our military and veterans in war and peace.

We support the right of all people to be treated fairly and equally under the laws of this nation.

We stand as the party for all people.

We condemn all forms of discrimination. Whenever the rights of any citizens are threatened, the rights of all are endangered. We take seriously the obligation to preserve, protect, and secure basic constitutional and civil rights.

We supported the working people of this country when they were exploited. We support them now for their right to organize, to achieve decent wages with health and retirement benefits and a safe workplace.

We supported families in their pursuit of well-being. We support them now in their desire to become healthy, educated, and contributing citizens.

We supported the elderly when they were forgotten.

We support them now in their need for dignity, income and healthcare security.

We supported independent farmers and small businesses when they faced hard times.

We supported parents, students, and educators to make education a top priority.

We support them now in their quest to achieve high standards. We support free and open access to knowledge and information.

We supported the people of the earth in working for a clean environment.

We supported people all over the world demanding freedom, justice, and opportunity.

We support them now, applauding their peaceful progress.