

1 **NAT 2014-01 The Democratic Party of Hawai'i Recognizes Malala Yousafzai, a Pakistani Schoolgirl,**
2 **as a Living Profile in Courage**

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4 Whereas, Malala Yousafzai, despite being nearly killed while trying to get a simple education, continues
5 to forsake personal safety by speaking out publically insisting access to education and universal gender
6 equality is fundamental to human dignity; and

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8 Whereas, Societies in many parts of the world withhold education from girls and thus constrain their
9 opportunities to pursue happiness; and

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11 Whereas, Such restriction of education for girls keeps women subjugated, often in servitude, resulting in
12 abuse, frequent poverty, poorer nutrition and health care, with higher birth rates and lower standards of
13 living; and

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15 Whereas, The widespread failure to provide girls access to education continues to cause pain, suffering,
16 fear, inequality, insecurity, and a lack of job opportunities; now, therefore, be it

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18 *Resolved*, That Democratic Party of Hawai'i endorses Malala Yousafzai for her initiative and singular
19 courage in insisting on women's access to quality education in her country under adverse traditions, and
20 thereby summoning the world to recognize the rightness of fundamental gender equality world-wide; and
21 be it

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23 *Resolved*, That the Democratic Party of Hawai'i remains vigilant against economically based gender,
24 racial and class discrimination while positively promoting women's rights worldwide, combating
25 discriminatory practices and gender exploitation; and be it

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27 *Resolved*, The Democratic Party of Hawai'i supports processes that requires embassies and diplomats
28 abroad work with governments to model the democratic ideals of citizens living in a fair society,
29 particularly with regard to female educational access; and be it

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31 *Resolved*, The Democratic Party of Hawai'i calls on American corporations, particularly those in the
32 garment and electronic sectors, to provide transparency in their management, hiring practices, safety
33 conditions and work standards wherever they invest, with support for equal access to education, medical
34 care, nutrition, and affordable and safe housing to prevent the exploitation of women and girls as a cheap
35 and manipulable labor supply, and be it

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37 *Resolved*, The Democratic Party of Hawai'i actively encourages the many nongovernmental, religious and
38 governmental organizations that are working for gender equality through steadfast promotion of practical
39 ways to meet girls' educational needs and rights anywhere in the world, taking encouragement from
40 Malala Yousafzai, and be it

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43 *Ordered*, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Democratic members of the Hawai'i State
44 Legislature, the Governor of the State of Hawai'i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai'i, U.S. Secretary
45 of State, U.S. Secretary of Labor, and the members of the Hawai'i Congressional delegation.

1 NAT 2014-02 **Calling for an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States Clearly Stating**
2 **that a “Person”, as defined in the Constitution, Must be a Human Being**

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4 Whereas, The U.S. Supreme Court did NOT decide that the 14th amendment to the U.S. Constitution
5 applied to corporations in the 1886 decision Santa Clara County v. Southern Pacific Railroad; and

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7 Whereas, The U.S. Supreme Court relied on the mistaken interpretation of the Santa Clara County
8 decision when it decided in Citizens United vs FEC that the first amendment applied to corporations; and

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10 Whereas, The U.S. Supreme Court has now decided McCutcheon v. FEC which further eliminates
11 restrictions on corporate spending in political campaigns; and

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13 Whereas, A major argument in both FEC cases is that "money is equivalent to speech"; and

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15 Whereas, No merchant, individual, corporation or any entity will accept spoken words in lieu of cash
16 therefore the "money is equivalent to speech" argument is a logical absurdity; and

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18 Whereas, The 2010 Hawai'i Legislature adopted HCR281: Requesting Congress to Propose an
19 Amendment to the Constitution of the United State to Regulate the Expenditure of Funds by Corporations
20 Engaging in Political Speech; and

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22 Whereas, In 2014 HCR142, Requesting the Establishment of Meaningful Campaign Finance Reform In
23 the United States and the State of Hawaii, was signed into law, and

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25 Whereas, The Democratic Party of Hawai'i adopted NAT 2010-05, Requesting the Establishment of
26 Meaningful Campaign Finance Reform in the United States and the State of Hawai'i ; and

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28 Whereas, no action has been taken by Congress on these proposals; now, therefore, be it

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30 *Resolved*, That the Democratic Party of Hawai'i renews its request for limitations on corporate
31 contributions to political candidates and parties; and be it

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33 Resolved; That the Democratic Party of Hawai'i calls for even stronger limits on corporate financing of
34 political parties and candidates to include an Amendment to the Constitution of the United States that
35 clearly states a corporation cannot be a person as defined in the Constitution and cannot avail itself of
36 any of the rights enumerated in the Constitution; and be it

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38 *Resolved*, That ALL corporate spending on behalf of any political party and/or candidate be prohibited
39 and outlawed; and be it

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41 *Resolved*, That the Democratic Party of Hawai'i finds the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United
42 and other related cases abhorrent, and supports an amendment to our United States Constitution to firmly
43 establish that money is not speech, and that human beings, not corporations, are persons entitled to
44 constitutional rights; and be it

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46 *Ordered*, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Democratic members of the Hawai'i State
47 Legislature and the Democratic members of the Hawai'i delegation to the United States Congress.

1 **NAT 2014-03 Opposing the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement**

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3 Whereas, The United States government has been engaged in secretive negotiations with 11 Pacific Rim
4 nations—Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Canada, Chile, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru,
5 Singapore and Vietnam—to fashion a new international agreement which will have a profound effect upon
6 the US economy, including wages, working conditions, environmental protections, intellectual property,
7 agricultural practices; and

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9 Whereas, Over 600 US and other multinational corporations have been allowed to review drafts of the
10 TPP as well as propose provisions affecting their industry, while regular citizens, community groups and
11 even elected officials have not been allowed access to the draft documents but have had to rely upon
12 “leaks” to learn the provisions being proposed, and

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14 Whereas, The “trade” agreement threatens profoundly erode the ability of American county, state and
15 federal governments to pass legislation on behalf of American citizens or to regulate corporate
16 transactions on matters that affect the profitability of investments, transferring adjudication of disputes
17 from U.S. courts to private transnational bodies not responsible to U.S. voters or the laws of the United
18 States, and are controlled by large corporations rather than by American voters; and

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20 Whereas, Major American trade unions have labeled the TPP, “NAFTA on Steroids,” for its negative
21 effect on jobs and working conditions, and have passed statements opposing this agreement; and

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23 Whereas, American environmental and consumer groups, among others have also mobilized to oppose
24 the TPP; and

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26 Whereas, the Obama administration has been calling for “Fast Track” consideration and approval of the
27 draft agreement, a process which would minimize public debate and scrutiny of its provisions and force
28 Congress to vote for it, up or down, in its entirety, with no chance of amending offensive provisions; now,
29 therefore, be it

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31 *Resolved*, The Democratic Party of Hawai‘i opposes any “Fast Track” consideration or approval of the
32 Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement and demands a full, transparent debate over its provisions,
33 including opportunities for the public to be fully engaged in determining such profound changes to the
34 international legal system which could interfere with or even curtail control of American laws at all levels
35 of government; and be it

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37 *Resolved*, The Democratic Party of Hawai‘i urges our members of Congress, as well as Democratic
38 candidates for those offices, to fully explain their positions about the TPP and explain its significance to
39 the people of Hawai‘i, and oppose any provisions likely to suppress wages, undermine Labor,
40 environmental and consumer rights; and be it

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42 *Ordered*; That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Democratic members of the Hawai‘i State
43 Legislature, the Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, the Lt. Governor of the State of Hawai‘i, U.S. Secretary
44 of State, U.S. Secretary of Labor, and the members of the Hawai‘i Congressional delegation.