

RESOLUTION TO RESPECT, PROTECT AND PROMOTE  
A CARING ECONOMY FILLED WITH ETHICAL BUSINESSES

**WHEREAS**, a caring economy is filled with caring citizen business men and women that respect, protect and promote internationally recognized human rights as the standard definition of ethical business; and

**WHEREAS**, our nation's founding freedom charters all call for its caring citizens and government at all levels to state clearly that all businesses and their stakeholders, doing business within their jurisdictions, to respect, protect and promote internationally recognized human rights as the standard definition of ethical business; and

**WHEREAS**, our nation's representatives have joined with other nations to create the United Nations, an international body of cooperation, to call for the caring citizens and government at all levels of its member states to state clearly that all businesses and their stakeholders, doing business within their jurisdictions, to respect, protect and promote internationally recognized human rights as the standard definition of ethical business; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ohio Democratic Party's Bylaws state that "Nothing herein shall conflict with the Constitution of the United States of America, the Laws of the United States of America;" and

**WHEREAS**, the United Nations' Economic and Social Council created in 2000 the Global Compact, a voluntary initiative and invited all business and their stakeholders to sustainability by joining the Global Compact and promising to align their operations around Ten Principles of human rights, labor, environment, and anti-corruption; and

**WHEREAS**, there are two membership categories of the Global Compact, business and non-business, and neither category includes political parties; and

**WHEREAS**, two members of the Executive Committee of the Ohio Democratic Party, are members of the Global Compact - Valerie McCall, Chief of Governmental and International Affairs, City of Cleveland, Cleveland, OH; and Chuck Watts, President and Co-Founder, Empathy Surplus Project, Wilmington, OH - and have committed themselves to align their respective operations around the Ten Principles as well as encourage others in our spheres of influence to do the same; and

**WHEREAS**, there are five core human rights principles of universality, equity, accountability, transparency, and participation, and in defense of these principles, both the Ohio Democratic Party Executive Committee and United States Senator Sherrod Brown have opposed and continue to oppose "fast track" authority to pass resolutions crafted by the country's chief executive in secret and with un-named participants that do not include the people's elected representatives, as well as, the Trans-Pacific Partnership Trade Agreement (TPP), and any other agreement negotiated in this way that constitutes a human rights abuse of power; and

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**WHEREAS**, working together, regardless of party affiliation, to respect, protect, and promote the Ten Principles of human rights, labor, environment, and anti-corruption is something that all Ohioans can do in their own spheres of influence; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ohio Democratic Party supports the work of the UN Global Compact and its participants in aligning their operations around the Ten Principles of human rights, labor, environment, and anti-corruption; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Ohio Democratic Party will strive to align its own operations around the Ten Principles; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that it encourages all elected municipal representatives to encourage their municipality to join UN Global Compact and begin to align those municipal operations around the Ten Principles; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that it encourages all Ohio Democratic Party members who could join the Global Compact to do so; and

**BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED** that it encourages all political parties to do the same.

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**Notes:**

- 1.1 Changed title from RESOLUTION TO ALIGN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OPERATIONS AROUND HUMAN RIGHTS, LABOR, ENVIRONMENT AND ANTI-CORRUPTION THE TEN PRINCIPLES OF USED BY UN GLOBAL COMPACT PARTICIPANTS to its current title - Version sent to Senator Sherrod Brown
- 1.2 Added 1st Whereas 08/30/2014
- 1.3 Added sponsor name and contact information 08/31/2015
- 1.4 Added Thomas Galloway as Co-Sponsor 08/31/2015
- 1.5 Added instructions under co-sponsors on how to get added to this list. 09/02/2015