

1. Statement of Principles

2. Iowa Democrats believe passionately in the ideals set forth in 1787 in the
3. Preamble to the United States Constitution, embedding in it the wisdom to
4. construct a democratic republic, which would “form a more perfect union,
5. establish justice, ensure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defense,
6. promote the general welfare, and secure the blessings of liberty to ourselves
7. and our posterity.”
8. Democrats believe the purpose of government is to act on behalf of
9. every one’s human rights equally, to protect our shared environment, and to oversee the
10. distribution of resources, affording all citizens the opportunity to attain their highest level
11. of social, cultural, economic, mental, and physical well-being.
12. Democrats believe that the United States and the state of Iowa continue to work
13. for the achievement of human and civil rights for all, responsible gun ownership, and
14. gun violence prevention, support, and care of our environment to achieve clean air,
15. soil, and water, laws, that allow and encourage all citizens to vote in every election,
16. equal application of justice in all courts, a government separated from the influence
17. of a particular religious belief, respect for each person’s liberty and opportunity,
18. religious freedom that respects the beliefs of others and individual rights, progressive
19. taxation, of public dollars for K-12 public education, area education agencies to
20. provide special education, training, and media services to all certified schools in the
21. state, honesty, and transparency in government and political communication,
22. elections that focus on policy and issues rather than money, easy access to quality and
23. effective health care, including mental health care, and
24. appreciation of our nation’s history of struggles and accomplishments.
25. Our young and idealistic democracy, nationally and in Iowa, has been a testament
26. to the advancement of the ideals bequeathed to us in our founding.
27. We are proud of the Democratic Party’s contributions to our nation’s heritage,
28. accomplishments, diversity, and movement toward a “more perfect union.”
29. We preserve and advance diversity, sustainability, opportunity, and equality. We
30. embrace our rights and sacred duty to continue the work of national improvement
31. that began two centuries ago.