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VOTER RIGHTS

1 WHEREAS: Casting a vote in local, state, and federal elections is the right of all
2 citizens of the United States; and
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4 WHEREAS: No undo burden should be placed on any citizen of the United States in
5 order to exercise their right to vote; and
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7 WHEREAS: The National Grange has historically supported suffrage for all citizens of
8 the United States of America who are 18 years of age and older; therefore be it
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10 RESOLVED: The State Grange of Minnesota work with the Minnesota legislature and
11 the National Grange work with our nationally elected officials, along with other allied
12 organizations to support equal voting rights without discrimination or harassment on the
13 basis of race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age,
14 disability, or marital status. Be it further,
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16 RESOLVED: The State Grange of Minnesota and the National Grange oppose any law
17 requiring individuals to show state issued photo identification at the polls or limiting
18 access to absentee voting.

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NATIONAL ELECTION DAY HOLIDAY

1 WHEREAS: It is the legal right of all citizens of the United States at or above the age
2 of 18; and
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4 WHEREAS: The National Grange has a long history of working to increase and
5 promote access to voting as a right for all Americans; and
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7 WHEREAS: Voting in local, state, and national elections is a part of our democratic
8 and civic duty; and
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10 WHEREAS: Voting occurs in school across the country and presents a safety issue for
11 students, teachers, and staff alike; be it
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13 RESOLVED: The State Grange of Minnesota will work with the Minnesota legislature
14 and the National Grange work with nationally elected officials to establish election day as
15 a national holiday.

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CORPORATIONS ARE NOT PEOPLE

1 WHEREAS: The word “Corporation” is not mentioned anywhere in the United States
2 Constitution, and
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4 WHEREAS: The 14th Amendment of the United States Constitution defines a citizen as,
5 “All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction
6 thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the state wherein they reside,” and
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8 WHEREAS: The 14th amendment of the US Constitution specifically states that, “No
9 state shall deny its citizens equal protection of the laws,” and
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11 WHEREAS: A corporation is a legal fiction that is neither a “born” nor a “naturalized”
12 “citizen” of the United States, and
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14 WHEREAS: The United States Supreme Court has repeatedly ruled that corporations are
15 persons, entitled by the U.S. Constitution to all the protection granted to individual
16 persons including the freedom of speech, of the press, and of religion, and
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18 WHEREAS: Many attempts to regulate corporations have been struck down by the courts
19 on the grounds that a corporation is legally perceived as a person and attempts to single
20 out and regulate a person is in violation of the equal protection clause of the 14th
21 amendment, therefore be it
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23 RESOLVED: The State Grange of Minnesota work with the Minnesota legislature and
24 Congressional representatives, and the National Grange work with the US Senate and
25 House of Representatives, to develop and implement any and all legislation that restricts
26 and reserves the protections of the Bill of Rights, particularly the 1st Amendment, the
27 Commerce Clause, and the 14th Amendment’s equal protection clause for natural people,
28 not corporations, and, be it further
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30 RESOLVED: The State Grange of Minnesota work with the Minnesota legislature and
31 Congressional representatives, and the National Grange work with the US Senate and
32 House of Representatives, to develop and propose and/or support an amendment to the
33 US Constitution that insures the 14th Amendment and the Bill of Rights primarily protect
34 natural people, and specifies that corporations are not natural people.

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BODY CAMERAS FOR POLICE OFFICERS

- 1 WHEREAS: Body cameras provide minute-by-minute visual and audio descriptions of
- 2 events with police officers, and
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- 4 WHEREAS: These videos can be used in a court of law, and
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- 6 WHEREAS: This protects citizens from unnecessary prosecution while also protecting
- 7 police officers from false charges of abuse and misconduct, and
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- 9 WHEREAS: Orlando Police Chief, John Manila says, “We believe the use of body
- 10 cameras will strengthen community trust, improve accountability and transparency,
- 11 protect our officers from false complaints and provide valuable evidence for
- 12 prosecutors,” therefore, be it
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- 14 RESOLVED: The State Grange of Minnesota work with the Minnesota legislature, and
- 15 National Grange work with our nationally elected officials to create legislation requiring
- 16 all on duty police officers who may have interactions with the public, to use body
- 17 cameras for the duration of their shift.

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