



Declaration and Resolution of Value and Purposes

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WHEREAS Disability Rights Nebraska, in the State of Nebraska desires to publicly declare the fundamental principles which govern its endeavors and the individuals who are Nebraska Advocacy Services. Be it therefore,

RESOLVED that Disability Rights Nebraska is united on the principle of the **Dignity of the Person** and in furtherance of that principle and as a fundamental and integral compact hereby affirms its dedication to reducing the oppression of stigma and stereotyping of people with disabilities; hereby embraces a culture enriched by diversity; and hereby chooses a language founded upon first the person and grounded in an understanding of the history of the devaluation of people with disabilities.

RESOLVED that Disability Rights Nebraska respects the unalienable **Right of Self-Determination** and in accordance with that right hereby professes that it shall act with and not for people with disabilities who reserve the power to decide and control their lives and the government which serves them.

RESOLVED that Disability Rights Nebraska manifests the primacy of the **Right of Inclusion** and in acceptance of that right hereby acknowledges that it shall strive for social imagery and image enhancement for people with disabilities which reflect their fundamental and essential social value as integrated, valued, and contributing members of the community.

RESOLVED that Disability Rights Nebraska is dedicated to protecting the **Rights and Privileges of Citizenship** so as to preserve the fundamental and self-evident rights to Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness which people with disabilities are endowed, and hereby declares that necessary and proper to those fundamental rights are the rights to live, work, recreate in the community, form and maintain the full panoply of human relationships with dignity and privacy as an independent person; and furthermore reaffirms the privileges of citizenship to freely travel, vote, and fully participate in the political affairs of the community.

RESOLVED that Disability Rights Nebraska exists to protect the **Preservation of the Integrity of the Person** upon which all other rights originate and requires that people with disabilities be

free from abuse, neglect, and exploitation, and hereby unrelentingly demands that to realize the fundamental purposes of government, the terms of its compact with the people, and its past failings and transgressions, that people with disabilities be afforded equal and complete access to a full range of habilitative/rehabilitative, educational, employment, housing, communicative, and adaptive services in the most integrated and less intrusive environment.