

A New Beginning. A New Day

# MISSISSIPPI DEMOCRATIC PARTY

Looking To The Future. Mindful Of The Past

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# MISSISSIPPI DEMOCRATIC PARTY PLATFORM

# EQUAL JUSTICE

We believe that every American, regardless of race, gender, or economic status, is created equal and is due equal protection under the law.

#### FAIR PAY

We believe that every worker is due fair pay for honest labor, a safe work environment and a secure retirement when retirement is reached. We also must provide a safety net for workers if they become disabled.

#### FAMILY VALUES

We believe strong family values are key to raising children. This principle includes providing children with the highest quality of public education, making sure that their parents receive fair pay for honest labor and that everyone is afforded quality health care; and to help strengthen families by reducing the highest sales tax on groceries in the country.

#### EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITY

We believe that every student must have access to the highest quality public education that his or her skills, knowledge, and disposition requires, and the he opportunity to achieve in school and in life to the best of his or her ability. The best economic development tool that we can provide a child is a high quality education.

# HEALTH CARE

We believe that every Mississippian is entitled to quality health care regardless of income or social status. To enhance health care we believe that the cigarette tax should be raised by \$1 per pack.

#### CONSERVATION

We believe that every one of our God-given natural resources must be conserved and protected with responsible stewardship. We also believe we should work towards energy independence.

#### CHOICE

The Mississippi Democratic Party is the party of inclusion and acknowledges that our members include those who are pro-life and pro-choice.

# SECOND AMENDMENT

We believe in the affirmation of the Second Amendment as an individual right.

# **POVERTY**

We call for the eradication of poverty in Mississippi, across this nation and around the world.

# AFFORDABLE HOUSING INCENTIVE

The Mississippi Democratic Party supports the current affordable housing property tax valuation law which allows economic developers to provide the American Dream to all individuals through home ownership.

# HURRICANE RECOVERY

We call for a Gulf Coast disaster recovery that is equitable, inclusive, and nondiscriminatory; that restores affordable housing for both homeowners and renters; that strengthens natural and man-made protections; that includes an insurance bill of rights and all-perils coverage; and that is transparent and accountable.