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TITLE OF RESOLUTION: **FAVORING A FAIRER, PROGRESSIVE MICHIGAN INCOME TAX**

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WHEREAS: A progressive, graduated-rate income tax increases the tax burden on wealthier households and lessens that burden on the least among us, and

WHEREAS: **Thirty-four** of states levy graduated-rate income taxes (Ref 1), and

WHEREAS: In tax year 2022 nine states had a regressive, flat income tax rate (Ref 1). Including Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, **Michigan**, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Utah, and

WHEREAS: A graduated income tax is a characteristic of the most equitable state and local tax systems (Ref 2), and

WHEREAS: Several states are proposing minimum taxes on the wealthiest of their residents. (Ref 3).

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: The Michigan Democratic Party (MDP) hereby calls for the transition from a regressive, flat-rate income tax system to a more-equitable, graduated income tax by way of legislation and or a ballot proposal initiative.

CITATIONS:

Ref 1 <https://budgeting.thenest.com/many-states-progressive-income-taxes-26312.html>

Ref 2 <https://itep.org/the-progressive-income-tax-an-essential-element-of-fair-and-sustainable-state-tax-systems/>

Ref 3 <https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2023/01/17/wealth-taxes-state-level/>

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