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RESOLUTION TO PROTECT SOCIAL PROGRAMS

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Whereas Members of Congress and the Executive are negotiating a budget that may cut or otherwise weaken programs upon which millions of Americans rely, including, but not limited to, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program/food stamps;

Whereas any action that reduces funding or implementation of these programs places the burden of our country's economic struggles on those who are the least able to bear them and who are in no way responsible for federal deficits or the economic downturn;

Whereas these programs are vital to protecting millions of Americans, including those struggling to live on both sides of the poverty line as well as those in the middle class; and

Whereas to the extent the government needs to find ways to increase revenue, it should look first to actions with the least impact on the poor and middle class, such as raising taxes on the highest income earners, eliminating corporate tax loopholes, and reducing the military budget.

Therefore, be it resolved that:

- 1) Three Parks Independent Democrats calls upon all our elected officials to vote against cuts or any weakening of Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, SNAP/food stamps, and other programs vital to the millions of Americans who depend on them and instead to fight to preserve and strengthen these programs.
- 2) **IMPLEMENTATION:** The mandate of the club's existing Social Security Committee and the club is expanded to include activities in these areas.