



# Missouri Association for Social Welfare

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Missouri's Voice for Social Justice Since 1901

## *A Public Resolution...*

*Be it resolved to state publicly that we, members of the Missouri Association for Social Welfare, support the principles of citizens coming together to highlight the disparities which exist in our country.*

*And further be it resolved that The Missouri Association for Social Welfare will seek ways by which to engage the Occupy movement and encourage MASW members to do the same.*

### **Policy Priorities Approved by the Missouri Association for Social Welfare on November 4, 2012**

**Basic Needs:** All people in Missouri should have true access to quality healthcare, decent housing, adequate nutrition, and appropriate education. Our State should fully fund, fully implement, and/or fully supplement, as appropriate, state and federal programs for health and mental health services, housing and homelessness services, food assistance programs, and all levels of public education.

**Basic Fairness:** All people in Missouri should be treated with dignity and fairness, and share on a just basis in the responsibilities and benefits of the prosperity of our society. Our State should emphasize restorative alternatives to our punitive corrections system, build a welcoming and inclusive 21st century social climate free of hate and prejudice, and fully support policies that empower people to overcome their economic circumstances, and require all to pay their fair share in support of the common good.