

1 Resolution to Limit Corporate Powers and Eliminate Corporate Personhood

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3 **WHEREAS** natural (real) persons existed well before the creation of the corporation;

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5 **WHEREAS** corporations are artificial entities created by natural persons specifically for the benefit
6 and welfare of natural persons;

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8 **WHEREAS** the concept of “corporate personhood” was created by the actions of a few people for
9 the sole benefit of corporations and a few select people at the expense of all natural persons and is,
10 therefore, illegitimate;

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12 **WHEREAS** owing to the fact that corporations never die, whereas natural persons do, corporations
13 have accrued over time unequal access to wealth, unequal access to power, unequal access to the
14 commons and unequal influence over the judiciary, the legislatures, the executives of our
15 governance;

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17 **WHEREAS** corporations do not pay their fair share of taxes but more benefits accrue to these
18 artificial entities than to natural persons from the proceeds of our tax dollars;

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20 **WHEREAS** corporations now have more privacy rights than natural persons;

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22 **WHEREAS** corporations are not held responsible for their crimes in the same way that natural
23 persons are held; and

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25 **WHEREAS** there are many other instances of artificial-entity malfeasance causing the deaths and
26 incredible suffering of natural persons;

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28 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the concept of corporate personhood be stricken from the
29 laws of the United States;

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31 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that artificial entities which cause death or great
32 suffering to natural persons be instantly dissolved and the assets of these artificial entities shall be
33 distributed amongst survivors and sufferers; and

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35 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Democratic Party, as a champion of natural
36 persons, act to protect natural persons from the malfeasance and evils done by artificial entities, and
37 that letters be sent to the Washington State Congressional Delegation and the Presidential nominees
38 urging such action.

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42 Submitted by the Grays Harbor County Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee for
43 consideration at its June 14 convention in Spokane. (Date Submitted 4/21/2008)

44 The Resolutions Committee “AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDED A PASS” at
45 its May 31, 2008 meeting in Ellensburg.

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47 The Washington State Democratic Convention “PASSED” this resolution at its June 14, 2008 meeting
48 in Spokane.