

Genuine Diplomacy with Iran

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3 **WHEREAS** a democratic Iran is in the best interests of its people as well as a safer and more stable
4 Middle East;

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6 **WHEREAS** the people of Iran are strongly pro-American, they admire our culture and our
7 democratic government, and they have given ample evidence of their commitment to making their
8 own government more democratic;

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10 **WHEREAS** the engine of the nascent Iranian democratic movement is its struggling middle class
11 and its youth;

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13 **WHEREAS** comprehensive sanctions used as a tool of escalation or military or covert action against
14 Iran would move it further away from democracy, weaken its middle class, and help the anti-
15 democratic forces in Iran to maintain and solidify their grip on power; and

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17 **WHEREAS** absence of diplomacy and lack of direct talks will likely lead to further escalation and
18 instability in the region;

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20 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats call on Congress to oppose
21 unprovoked military action against Iran and the use of sanctions as a tool of escalation, and instead
22 support direct talks between the United States and Iran;

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24 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats support the
25 International Atomic Energy Agency's efforts to enforce its inspection regime and perform its role in
26 preventing the proliferation of nuclear weapons; and

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28 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that Washington State Democratic Party distribute
29 copies of this resolution to all Democratic members of the Washington State Congressional
30 Delegation and Democratic Presidential Candidates Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama.

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33 Submitted by the King County Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee for consideration at
34 its June 14 convention in Spokane. (Date Submitted 4/21/2008)

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36 The Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDED A PASS" at
37 its May 31, 2008 meeting in Ellensburg.

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39 The Washington State Democratic Convention "PASSED" this resolution at its June 14, 2008 meeting
40 in Spokane.
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