

Resolution for Fair International Trade

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3 **WHEREAS** the United States has negotiated free-trade agreements with nations across the globe;

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5 **WHEREAS** companies leave the U.S. in search of low wages, low commodity prices, anti-union
6 climates and lax environmental laws;

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8 **WHEREAS** implementation of these agreements has caused American farmers to lose a fair market
9 price for specific crops;

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11 **WHEREAS** these trade agreements have been promoted as beneficial to the U.S. and to the
12 American people;

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14 **WHEREAS** there is evidence that NAFTA has been detrimental to the economies of Mexico and the
15 U.S., including job losses at home;

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17 **WHEREAS** the global trade agreements under NAFTA, WTO and CAFTA have enriched
18 multinational corporations, but have negatively affected many workers, family farmers and the
19 environment;

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21 **WHEREAS** other trade agreements reflect the same destructive economic policies as NAFTA; and

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23 **WHEREAS** the U.S. trade deficit now approaches \$800 billion per year, jeopardizing Americans'
24 economic security and our children's futures;

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26 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that existing trade agreements be reviewed, for effectiveness,
27 problems and the real cost to the United States in terms of the liabilities, economy, jobs,
28 environmental impacts, product quality and consumer safety, and, if necessary, renegotiated;

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30 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that future trade agreements be negotiated to include
31 sound economic, environmental, and labor practices;

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33 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that corporate tax laws be revised to eliminate tax
34 breaks that reward off-shoring and exporting of American jobs; and

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36 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that Washington State Democratic Party distribute
37 copies of this resolution to all Democratic members of the Washington State Congressional
38 delegation, Democratic Presidential Candidates Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama, Washington
39 State Governor Christine Gregoire, Washington State Senate Majority Leader Lisa Brown and
40 Washington State Speaker of the House Frank Chopp.

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43 Submitted by the Clark County Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee for consideration
44 at its June 14 convention in Spokane. (Date Submitted 4/23/2008)

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46 The Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDED A PASS" at
47 its May 31, 2008 meeting in Ellensburg.
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49 The Washington State Democratic Convention "PASSED" this resolution at its June 14, 2008 meeting
50 in Spokane.
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