

Resolution on Sustainable Agriculture

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3 **WHEREAS**, America has plentiful farmland that can grow food to feed the nation and
4 much of the world; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, it is in our national interest to strive for agricultural self-sufficiency; and

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8 **WHEREAS**, family farms are the economic backbone of a community, a nation, and of
9 society as a whole; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, the maintenance of sustainable local agricultural ecosystems benefits our
12 environment; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, family farmers are good land stewards who manage soil fertility, pests and
15 water resources in sustainable, holistic ways; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, with the average supermarket item having been shipped 1500 miles,
18 buying locally grown produce reduces demand for petroleum; and addresses our most
19 significant national security issue, our food supply;

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21 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Democratic Party supports
22 policies that enhance American agricultural competitiveness and that help sustain local
23 agricultural ecosystems and the preservation of family farms.
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26 Submitted by the delegates of the Chelan County Convention to the Washington State
27 Democratic Party for consideration at its June 3, 2006 convention in Yakima (Date
28 Submitted 04/08/2006).

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30 The Washington State Democratic Party at its State Convention on June 3, 2006 in
31 Yakima referred this resolution to the WSDCC Resolutions Committee for review at its
32 September 9 - 10, 2006 meeting in Ellensburg.

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34 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee recommended a "Pass" on this resolution at its
35 September 10, 2006 meeting in Ellensburg. The resolution will be forwarded to the
36 WSDCC at its next meeting on September 29 - 30, 2006 in Tacoma.

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38 The WSDCC passed this resolution at its September 30, 2006 meeting in Tacoma.