Resolution to Support the Bill of Rights by Repealing Portions of the Patriot Act and the Homeland Security Act

WHEREAS the Bill of Rights and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment constitute the cornerstone of American Civil Rights and Liberties;

WHEREAS sections of the Patriot Act and the Homeland Security Act and actions of the Justice Department place severe limitations on these rights and liberties; in particular the first, fourth, fifth, sixth and fourteenth amendments; and

WHEREAS the Bush Administration has denied these rights and liberties to citizens and resident non-citizens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all sections of the Patriot Act and the Homeland Security Act that restrict these Civil Rights and Liberties shall be repealed;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Attorney General be admonished to abide by the provisions of the US Constitution; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee urges the Washington State Congressional Delegation to commit to roll back the self-serving war powers of the Presidency granted to itself by the Bush Administration and restore the rule of law.

Submitted by the Island County Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its June 14 convention in Spokane. (Date Submitted 4/29/2008)

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

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