

Resolution Reaffirming the Right to Obtain an Abortion

1 **WHEREAS** the decision to obtain an abortion is often one of the most difficult decisions
2 women face;

3 **WHEREAS** the general right to obtain an abortion was affirmed by the United States
4 Supreme Court in *Roe v. Wade* and reaffirmed in *Planned Parenthood v. Casey*;

5 **WHEREAS** President Obama campaigned as a pro-choice candidate;

6 **WHEREAS** Bart Stupak, a member of Congress from Michigan, and several other
7 members of Congress conditioned their support for health care reform on strengthening
8 prohibitions on using federal funds for abortion;

9 **WHEREAS** President Obama signed an executive order that ensures “that Federal
10 funds are not used for abortion services (except in cases of rape or incest, or when the
11 life of the woman would be endangered)”;

12 **WHEREAS** the 32nd Legislative District Democratic Organization is previously on
13 record in opposing the Hyde Amendment;

14 **WHEREAS** the Hyde Amendment and President Obama’s executive order directly
15 hinder the choice and ability of large numbers of women to obtain a safe and legal
16 abortion, especially women who are economically disadvantaged;

17 **WHEREAS** the Hyde Amendment and President Obama’s executive order increases the
18 feminization of poverty; and

19 **WHEREAS** the Washington State Democratic Convention believes abortion should be
20 safe, legal, and rare;

21 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Party urges
22 President Obama to rescind his executive order relating to the implementation of
23 abortion restrictions in the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act;

24 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic
25 Party shall ask each federal candidate if they will introduce or cosponsor legislation
26 repealing the Hyde Amendment; and

27 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be sent to
28 President Barack Obama and the Washington State Congressional Delegation along
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42 with a request for response within thirty days, listing the actions they are willing to take
43 to support this resolution or a list of the reasons explaining why it cannot be supported.

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46 Submitted by the 32nd LD Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee for
47 consideration at its June 26 convention in Vancouver. (Date Submitted 4/21/2010)

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49 Recommended Pass with amendments by the Subcommittee on Human Rights, Civil
50 Rights and Human Services, Immigration, Indian Tribes and Sovereignty, and Law and
51 Justice. (Date Considered 5/2/2010)

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53 Recommended Pass with amendments by the State Convention Platform Committee.
54 (Date Considered 6/5/2010)

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56 The Washington State Democratic Convention "PASSED" this resolution at its June 26,
57 2010 meeting in Vancouver.