

1 **Assistance for Those Whose Home Ownership is**
2 **Threatened by Inability to Repay Loans Made with Sub-**
3 **Prime Lending Rates**

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5 **WHEREAS** millions of lower and middle income families are in danger of losing their
6 homes because they are unable to make their house payments as the variable rate of
7 their home loans increases sharply;

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9 **WHEREAS** the loss of homes causes tremendous suffering to those who lack resources
10 to buy or rent another home;

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12 **WHEREAS** foreclosure and eviction lead to a drastic decline in the value of other
13 homes in the area, as empty houses deteriorate and invite vandalism and illicit use;

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15 **WHEREAS** the inability of large numbers of homeowners to pay their loans, threatens
16 the solvency of lending institutions; and

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18 **WHEREAS** the federal government has already invested billions in subsidizing lending
19 institutions directly;

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21 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Congress support a bill which provides funds at
22 a lower interest rate through the FHA to states and cities so they can enable those in
23 danger of losing their homes and able to make reduced house payments, to keep their
24 homes. This in turn would prevent the deterioration in value of other homes in the
25 neighborhood, and would stabilize the lending institutions;

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27 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress enact legislation which
28 provides for much more stringent regulation of lending institutions; and

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30 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic
31 Central Committee forward this resolution to the Washington State Delegation to the
32 US Congress.

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35 Submitted by the Walla Walla County Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee
36 for consideration at its June 14 convention in Spokane. (Date Submitted 4/28/2008)

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

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41 The Washington State Democratic Convention "PASSED" this resolution at its June 14,
42 2008 meeting in Spokane.