

Genuine Diplomacy with Iran

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3 **WHEREAS** a democratic Iran is in the best interests of its people as well as a safer and
4 more stable Middle East;

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6 **WHEREAS** the people of Iran are strongly pro-American, they admire our culture and
7 our democratic government, and they have given ample evidence of their commitment
8 to making their own government more democratic;

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10 **WHEREAS** the engine of the nascent Iranian democratic movement is its struggling
11 middle class and its youth;

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13 **WHEREAS** comprehensive sanctions used as a tool of escalation or military or covert
14 action against Iran would move it further away from democracy, weaken its middle
15 class, and help the anti-democratic forces in Iran to maintain and solidify their grip on
16 power; and

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18 **WHEREAS** absence of diplomacy and lack of direct talks will likely lead to further
19 escalation and instability in the region;

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21 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats call on
22 Congress to oppose unprovoked military action against Iran and the use of sanctions as
23 a tool of escalation, and instead support direct talks between the United States and Iran;

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25 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats
26 support the International Atomic Energy Agency's efforts to enforce its inspection
27 regime and perform its role in preventing the proliferation of nuclear weapons; and

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29 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that Washington State Democratic Party
30 distribute copies of this resolution to all Democratic members of the Washington State
31 Congressional Delegation and Democratic Presidential Candidates Hillary Clinton and
32 Barack Obama.

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35 Submitted by the King County Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee for
36 consideration at its June 14 convention in Spokane. (Date Submitted 4/21/2008)

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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.