

Resolution Supporting Two-State Solution to Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

WHEREAS ending the conflict between Israel and the Occupied Palestinian Territories depends on the mutual recognition of Israel and Palestine as two viable independent nations, with permanent rights to exist and to have their own governments;

WHEREAS the continued conflict between Israel and the Palestinian Liberation Organization, Palestinian Authority and Hamas have brought death to both Israelis and Palestinians and continued poverty and misery to millions in the area;

WHEREAS the Hamas Charter calls for the annihilation of Israel, the establishment of the Islamic Caliphate that existed prior to World War I, and the unlimited conquest of lands and people to spread Islamic law through violent Jihad;

WHEREAS the Israeli Likud political party fundamental documents assert that Israel should include parts of the West Bank/Occupied Territories;

WHEREAS all peoples of the region need access to vital resources including clean water, electricity, transportation, medical supplies, and infrastructure to support commerce and healthy community; and

WHEREAS Article 3 of the 4th Geneva Convention forbids attacks on civilian populations, and Article 49 of the 4th Geneva Convention specifies that an occupier may not forcibly deport protected persons, or deport or transfer parts of its own civilian population into occupied territory;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democrats urge the United States to call on the Palestinian Liberation Organization, Palestinian Authority and Hamas to recognize the existence of Israel and to renounce any principles of their charters and governments which call for the destruction of Israel, which demonize the Israeli people, and which call for the spread of Islam by violent Jihad;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Democrats urge the United States to call on Israel to cease expanding settlements and building housing inside the West Bank/Occupied Territories, and to make privately-funded settlements and housing construction in those territories illegal;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Democrats urge the United States to reduce the amount of military and financial aid provided to Israel commensurate with the amount of any new expenditure by the Israeli government to expand settlements; and

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44 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that this resolution be transmitted to the
45 United States Secretary of State, the National Security Adviser, and the Washington
46 State Congressional delegation along with a request for response within thirty days,
47 listing the actions they are willing to take to support this resolution or a list of the
48 reasons explaining why it cannot be supported.

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51 Submitted by the Pierce County Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee for
52 consideration at its June 26 convention in Vancouver. (Date Submitted 4/20/2010)

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54 Recommended Pass with amendments by the Subcommittee on Foreign Policy,
55 Government and Political Reform, and the Military. (Date Considered 5/2/2010)

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

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60 The Washington State Democratic Convention "PASSED" this resolution at its June 26,
61 2010 meeting in Vancouver.