

1 **Resolution to the Washington State Legislature for a Bill**
2 **Supporting the Sisterhood of the State of Washington**
3 **and the Indian State of Punjab**
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5 **WHEREAS** Punjab, in the northwestern section of India, is very similar to the State of
6 Washington in that it is a major grower of wheat, the people have a wonderful cultural
7 history and are known for their technical and business accomplishments;
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9 **WHEREAS** Punjabis contribute extensively to the Washington State economy, first
10 arriving in Whatcom County in 1904, Punjabis raise over \$300 million in berry crops,
11 and many have become educators, entrepreneurs, doctors, and other professionals in
12 communities throughout our state;
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14 **WHEREAS** Punjabis have become citizens who vote and give back to their respective
15 communities--including more than 6000 registered voters in King County alone, some
16 involved in party politics; and
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18 **WHEREAS** The state of Washington has many industries and businesses that will share
19 in the fruits of a sister-state relationship, in fields such as education, technology,
20 aerospace, and the growing Washington wine industry;
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22 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the WSDCC request that the Washington State
23 Legislature draft and pass a combined bill in the House and Senate to support the
24 sisterhood of the two states and foster the sharing of agricultural, technological,
25 educational, and cultural relationships.
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28 Submitted by the King County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central
29 Committee for consideration at its October 9, 2010 meeting in Moses Lake. (Date
30 Submitted 9/28/2010)
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32 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND
33 RECOMMENDED A PASS" at its October 8, 2010 meeting in Moses Lake.
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35 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its October 9, 2010 meeting in Moses Lake.