

## Promotion of Voluntary Population Control

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3 **WHEREAS** the population of the Earth continues to grow and suffers from wars,  
4 "ethnic cleansing", draughts, epidemics and starvation;

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6 **WHEREAS** worldwide arable lands and crops are being lost to natural disasters  
7 including global climate shifts, resource extraction including water depletion, and the  
8 consequences of industrialized chemical and transgenic agricultural;

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10 **WHEREAS** global trading policies of WTO, NAFTA, CAFTA and the financial policies  
11 of the World Bank and the IMF, have caused major upheaval in the global landscape -  
12 consolidation of small holdings and industrial scale agribusiness. Thus, the new world  
13 order has dictated a formula for rampant urbanization and the resulting mass  
14 production of slums;

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16 **WHEREAS** today's megaslums are unprecedented incubators of new and re-emergent  
17 diseases that can travel across the world at the speed of a passenger jet;

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19 **WHEREAS** cities have absorbed nearly two thirds of the global population explosion  
20 since 1950 and are currently adding a million babies and migrants each week causing  
21 slum populations to grow by a staggering 25 million per year (UN Population  
22 Information Network);

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24 **WHEREAS** many economies are contracting by up to 5% a year yet continue to have  
25 population growth of up to 8% a year;

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27 **WHEREAS** international economic policy (World Bank adjustment policies) has  
28 devastated the public health infrastructure and healthcare particularly for women and  
29 children;

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31 **WHEREAS** the seven states of the Colorado basin have experienced a 10% population  
32 increase even as the next cycle of epic draught is beginning to kick in threatening major  
33 urban areas and millions of acres of agricultural lands; and

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35 **WHEREAS** the United States has prevented access to family planning including  
36 women's right to birth control and abortion within the US and through the World  
37 Health Organization and other providers;

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39 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Washington State Democratic Party call upon the  
40 Democratic members of the Washington State Congressional delegation and Democratic  
41 Presidential Candidates Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton to ensure that the United  
42 States become a leading proponent for and contributor to public health education and

43 infrastructure and provider of healthcare including family planning with provisions for  
44 birth control and abortion.

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48 consideration at its June 14 convention in Spokane. (Date Submitted 5/2/2008)

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

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53 The Washington State Democratic Convention "PASSED" this resolution at its June 14,  
54 2008 meeting in Spokane.