

## Supporting Health Care Reform

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3 **WHEREAS** the health care system of the United States is in crisis, with almost fifty  
4 million Americans lacking any health insurance, tens of millions more lacking adequate  
5 coverage, and millions more who do have private coverage paying increasingly  
6 unaffordable premiums, resulting in inadequate access to care and premature death,  
7 illness, or financial ruin for millions of Americans;

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9 **WHEREAS** the current “for profit” health care system is creating an unsustainable  
10 financial burden on the country, the working poor and employers (placing US based  
11 business at a competitive disadvantage);

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13 **WHEREAS** the current recovery is, like the last one, shaping up to be a “jobless”  
14 recovery leading to large increases in the number of people who will be without jobs  
15 and health insurance for significant time periods;

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17 **WHEREAS** our hope for strong national economic growth in the future depends on  
18 limiting the rate of inflation of healthcare costs; and

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20 **WHEREAS** the current “for profit” health care insurance industry is actively lobbying  
21 congress to maintain the status quo when it comes to health care reform; and

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23 **WHEREAS** all Americans should have quality affordable healthcare insurance that  
24 cannot be denied because of circumstances of employment, preexisting conditions, or  
25 inability to pay for coverage;

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27 **WHEREAS** there is evidence that federally-funded and run programs such as the V.A.  
28 system and Medicare provide quality care in an efficient manner; and

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30 **WHEREAS** our National Democratic Platform of 2008: Renewing America’s Promise,  
31 states: “We believe that covering all is not just a moral imperative, but is necessary to  
32 making our health system workable and affordable....Families and individuals should  
33 have the option of keeping the coverage they have or choosing from a wide array of  
34 health insurance plans, including many private health insurance options and a public  
35 plan”;

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37 **WHEREAS** co-ops or so-called “triggers” have never been tested as a model in the  
38 proposed format, and there is no evidence that they would save costs, work efficiently,  
39 or provide quality care;

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41 **WHEREAS** many longstanding planks in the platforms of local, state and national  
42 Democratic Parties pertaining to health care advocate for a national single payer health  
43 care plan which includes every American; and  
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45 **WHEREAS** there has also been strong support from local, state and national  
46 Democratic Parties for a public option;  
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48 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats and Central  
49 Committee urge the President and Congress of the United States to support adoption of  
50 a single payer plan, such as Medicare for All, and undertake efforts toward that goal  
51 including the adoption of a robust not-for-profit public plan designed to immediately  
52 provide irrevocable universal health coverage to all Americans, regardless of age,  
53 preexisting condition or ability to pay, without limits to benefits, and with adequate  
54 size and authority to negotiate prices and agreements to ensure its effectiveness;  
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56 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats urge  
57 the Washington State Congressional Delegation to support the plan as articulated  
58 above; and  
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60 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats shall  
61 send a copy of this resolution to the Washington State Congressional Delegation.  
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64 Submitted by the Resolutions Committee for consideration at its September 26, 2009  
65 meeting in Walla Walla. (Date Submitted 9/26/2009)  
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67 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "RECOMMENDED A PASS" on this resolution at  
68 its September 26, 2009 meeting in Walla Walla.  
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70 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its September 26, 2009 meeting in Walla  
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