

Resolution to Eradicate Child Abuse

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3 **WHEREAS** children are the USA's future;

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5 **WHEREAS** children are dependent upon adults to protect them from accidental and
6 intentional abuse in their homes and neighborhoods and are dependent upon adults to
7 protect them from predators;

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9 **WHEREAS** children are entitled to "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness";

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11 **WHEREAS** child abuse is rampant in US American society with serious cases estimated in
12 the millions each year, including preventable deaths which number in the thousands;

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14 **WHEREAS** ending child abuse will greatly strengthen families and our society;

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16 **WHEREAS** best practices in Child Abuse Prevention Programs designed to help parents
17 bond with their children and State Initiatives to include projects such as public nursing
18 programs to support families with babies when implemented have proven to be very
19 effective and cost efficient;

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21 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Party urge the
22 Washington State Democratic Legislators to support and pass legislation to establish
23 educational programs on Child Abuse Prevention with a goal to move toward the
24 substantial reduction in the incidence of Child Abuse.

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27 Submitted by the Spokane County Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee for
28 consideration at its June 14 convention in Spokane. (Date Submitted 4/23/2008)

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

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