Resolution Condemning the Nativist Movement

WHEREAS the definition of Native American should only be used to describe the people who either pre-dated the "European Immigration" and who were living in the Americas, or the descendants of those peoples;

WHEREAS the "Nativist" movement has always been a blight on the history of the United States of America;

WHEREAS anti-Immigrant sentiments betray the immigrant history of all Americans except for those as defined above;

WHEREAS the State of Washington is not immune to the ravages of immigrant hatred as described by the brutal slayings of a Latino Family in Arizona, allegedly committed by Jason Eugene Bush of Eastern Washington and Shawna Forde a member of the minute man project based out of Snohomish County;

WHEREAS States cannot correct the broken immigration system;

WHEREAS States can unfortunately make the broken immigration system worse;

WHEREAS the DNC held a nearly unanimous vote denouncing the "Minute Men Project";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democrats hereby go on record condemning the Nativist Movement;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Democrats condemn all acts of violence done to Latinos based on hate, stereotype and perceived immigration status;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Democrats urge The Washington State Legislature to pass a Resolution calling on President Obama, Speaker Pelosi, and Majority Leader Reid to reform the immigration system in a way that protects families and honors hard work;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washington State Democrats urge the Washington State Legislature to author a bill adding immigration status to the list of protected classes;

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Chair of the Washington State Democratic Party is directed to send a copy to the Governor, all Democratic members of the Washington State Legislature.

Submitted by the Hispanic Latino Caucus to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its September 26, 2009 meeting in Walla Walla. (Date Submitted 9/26/2009)

The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "TABLED" this resolution at its September 26, 2009 meeting in Walla Walla.

The WSDCC "AFFIRMED THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE'S DECISION TO TABLE" this resolution at its September 26, 2009 meeting in Walla Walla.

The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDED A PASS" at its January 30, 2010 meeting in Seattle.

The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its January 30, 2010 meeting in Seattle.