

Resolution on Maternity Leave

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3 **WHEREAS** it is in the best interest of families for a parent to stay home for at least three
4 months upon the birth or adoption of a child;

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6 **WHEREAS** most other industrialized nations provide paid parental leave; and

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8 **WHEREAS** bonding is essential to the health of our children;

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10 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats support paid
11 parental leave benefits; and

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13 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic
14 Central Committee forward this resolution to the Washington State Delegation to the
15 US Congress, and the Washington State Legislature.
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18 Submitted by the Skamania County Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee
19 for consideration at its June 14 convention in Spokane. (Date Submitted 4/29/2008)

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

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24 The Washington State Democratic Convention "PASSED" this resolution at its June 14,
25 2008 meeting in Spokane.