

Resolution on Internet Neutrality

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3 **WHEREAS** the economic, commercial and information needs of Washington State
4 citizens and business depend on reliable uninterrupted internet access;

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6 **WHEREAS** internet access must remain open and content delivered free from
7 discrimination or favoritism from Internet Service Providers (ISPs), a principle known
8 as "Network Neutrality";

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10 **WHEREAS** there are documented cases of Internet Providers blocking or inhibiting
11 content from customers;

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13 **WHEREAS** currently the FCC has admonished Internet Service Providers for
14 interfering with lawful use of the internet from customers;

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16 **WHEREAS** currently no law requires compliance with the principle of Network
17 Neutrality;

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19 **WHEREAS** Representatives Markey and Eshoo have introduced HR 3458 the "Internet
20 Freedom Preservation Act", which adds Network Neutrality principles to the
21 Communications act of 1934;

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23 **WHEREAS** HR 3458 includes languages that allow ISPs to reasonably manage
24 networks while respecting the rights of consumers; and

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26 **WHEREAS** HR 3458 has been referred to the Energy and Commerce committee;

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28 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats support
29 passage of HR 3458;

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31 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats ask
32 that all Representatives from Washington State support HR 3458; and

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34 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats urge
35 that committee member Jay Inslee to take action to move this bill out of the committee.
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38 Submitted by the 26th LD Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central
39 Committee for consideration at its January 30, 2010 meeting in Seattle. (Date Submitted
40 1/6/2010)

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

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