

1 **A Resolution to Support the Federal**
2 **Affordable Care Act and Stop the Lawsuit of the**
3 **Attorney General**
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5 **WHEREAS**, in Washington State, close to 1 million residents do not have health
6 insurance;

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8 **WHEREAS** the lack of health insurance is a major barrier for Washington State
9 residents in obtaining needed and preventative health care;

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11 **WHEREAS** the inability to access affordable health care in a timely manner leads to
12 uninsured individuals delaying and deferring care until an ailment becomes an
13 emergency, which is more costly and leads to worse health outcomes; and
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15 **WHEREAS** the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will benefit
16 Washington State residents by

- 17 • providing access to insurance for uninsured individuals with preexisting
- 18 conditions;
- 19 • prohibiting health insurance companies from imposing preexisting
- 20 condition exclusions on children's coverage;
- 21 • extending dependent coverage to young people up to age twenty-six;
- 22 • strengthening community health centers; and
- 23 • providing tax credits to small businesses that contribute to provide health
- 24 insurance to affordable, comprehensive health care services on an
- 25 equitable basis so that all individuals can access the right care in the right
- 26 place at the right time;
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28 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats recognize that
29 the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act will directly benefit Washington
30 State residents that lack health care insurance or are underinsured;

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32 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State
33 Democrats support the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act as advancing
34 the goal of all people having access to affordable, comprehensive health care services on
35 an equitable basis;

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38 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State
39 Democrats support Washington State Governor Christine Gregoire's position that the
40 federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act is in the interests of the state of
41 Washington, and adamantly oppose Washington state Attorney General Rob
42 McKenna's participation in a lawsuit challenging the constitutionality of the Patient
43 Protection and Affordable Care Act;

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45 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the WA State Democrats call upon
46 our state legislature to take immediate action to terminate state funding for this lawsuit
47 and take other actions which they deem appropriate to require Attorney General
48 McKenna to cancel participation by the people of the great state of Washington; and

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50 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be
51 transmitted to relevant officials along with a request for response within thirty days,
52 listing the actions they are willing to take to support this resolution or a list of the
53 reasons explaining why it cannot be supported.

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56 Submitted by the 46th LD Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee for
57 consideration at its June 26 convention in Vancouver. (Date Submitted 4/26/2010)

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59 Recommended Pass with amendments by the Subcommittee on the Preamble,
60 Agriculture, and Energy and the Environment. (Date Considered 5/2/2010)

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62 Recommended Pass with amendments by the State Convention Platform Committee.
63 (Date Considered 6/5/2010)

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65 The Washington State Democratic Convention "PASSED" this resolution at its June 26,
66 2010 meeting in Vancouver.