

1 **Resolution on the Restoration of Order in**
2 **Restricting Voter Rights for Incarcerated Felons.**

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4 **WHEREAS** Washington State’s system for determining which the eligibility of ex-felons
5 is too complicated to ensure that the intent of the law is carried out; and

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7 **WHEREAS** Washington State’s system for allowing ex-felons to reacquire their voting
8 rights is the most restrictive in the nation; and

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10 **WHEREAS** restoring the right to vote to ex-felons is one of the most important things
11 we can do to encourage a return to society and its obligations; and

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13 **WHEREAS** in the Washington State Senate SB and its companion House Bill have been
14 introduced when passed will simplify the record keeping in the State and County
15 offices responsible for maintaining accurate voter files;

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17 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Democratic Party supports
18 automatic restoration of voting rights once a felon is released from prison, and calls
19 upon the Washington State Democratic Legislators to sponsor and pass this legislation.
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22 Submitted by the 26th Legislative District to the Washington State Democratic Party for
23 consideration at its June 3, 2006 convention in Yakima (Date Submitted 04/11/2006)

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25 The Washington State Democratic Party at its State Convention on June 3, 2006 in
26 Yakima referred this resolution to the WSDCC Resolutions Committee for review at its
27 September 9 - 10, 2006 meeting in Ellensburg.

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29 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee amended this resolution and recommended a
30 “Pass” at its September 10, 2006 meeting in Ellensburg. The resolution will be
31 forwarded to the WSDCC at its next meeting on September 29 - 30, 2006 in Tacoma.

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33 The WSDCC passed this resolution as amended at its September 30, 2006 meeting in
34 Tacoma.