

## 1     **Resolution Calling on Congress to Adopt New Priorities**

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3     **WHEREAS** the current economic crisis is the worst in 80 years and has had a  
4     disproportionate impact on working and poor people;

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6     **WHEREAS** the U.S. economic crisis can be traced to 1) \$3.8 trillion in Bush-era tax cuts  
7     extending over 10 years, to investors, large corporations and the wealthiest households,  
8     with loopholes that allow many to avoid paying taxes; 2) reckless deregulation of the  
9     financial system that enabled irresponsible risks and produced economic catastrophe; 3)  
10    unchallenged military procurement spending; and 4) the estimated \$3 to \$5 trillion cost  
11    of ongoing unbudgeted wars (including costs of replacing equipment, interest, medical  
12    care for returning veterans and other residual costs);

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14    **WHEREAS** the U.S. economy has become increasingly polarized and unjust, with 1) top  
15    executives earning as much in a day as minimum wage earners can take home in two  
16    years, 2) the fruits of increased productivity not shared with workers who bear the  
17    burden of increased work, 3) real unemployment exceeding 15% and, in many  
18    communities of color, more than 50%, 4) social supports such as education, libraries,  
19    parks, and public safety increasingly underfunded, and 5) a crumbling public  
20    infrastructure that goes unrepaired;

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22    **WHEREAS**, under President Obama's leadership, Osama bin Laden has been executed  
23    and our troops are being withdrawn from Iraq and Afghanistan; and

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25    **WHEREAS** the severity of the economic crisis has created, at all levels of government,  
26    budget shortfalls that call for a re-examination of the allocation of resources and  
27    national spending priorities;

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29    **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we support continuing and expediting the  
30    withdrawal of U.S. military and private security personnel from Iraq by year's end, as  
31    called for in the Status of Forces Agreement with the Iraqi government, and the  
32    simultaneous significant drawdown of military personnel from Afghanistan, with a  
33    firm date for total withdrawal as soon as that can be accomplished, but in no event later  
34    than the 2014 timeline previously announced by President Obama;

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36    **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we call on the U.S. Congress to:

- 37       a. Bring our war dollars home by making a substantial reduction in overall  
38       military spending and using those resources to meet vital human needs,  
39       promote job creation, rebuild our infrastructure, aid municipal and state  
40       governments, and develop a new economy based on renewable,  
41       sustainable energy and technologies; and

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43           b. Reform the tax code so that the burden of taxation is fully progressive,  
44           removing loopholes and preventing methods by which wealthy  
45           individuals and multinational corporations avoid and evade taxes, so that  
46           1) the effective top tax rate becomes an actual 35%, and 2) corporations  
47           can no longer avoid U.S. taxes by shifting revenues to foreign subsidiaries  
48           or tax havens; and

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50 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that we urge the Washington State  
51 Democratic Congressional delegation, and our own members to endorse and actively  
52 support and pass legislation designed to create a more just, equitable and sustainable  
53 economy and a world in which moral leadership is more important than military might  
54 and our security is determined by the welfare of our people rather than the size of our  
55 military budget.

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59 Committee for consideration at its September 17, 2011 meeting in Bellingham. (Date  
60 Submitted 9/6/2011)

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62 The Resolutions Committee recommended that this resolution be "PASSED WITH  
63 AMENDMENTS" at its September 17, 2011 Meeting in Bellingham.

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65 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its September 17, 2011 Meeting in Bellingham.