

1 **Resolution to Reject Initiative Measure No. 1515**

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3 **WHEREAS** protections against gender-identity discrimination have been enacted by
4 the Washington State Human Rights Commission;

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6 **WHEREAS** allowing people to use facilities based on gender-identity is, in fact, safe
7 and humane;

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9 **WHEREAS** Washington State Democrats take progressive action based on science and
10 safety; and

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12 **WHEREAS** this measure would override state/local prohibitions against gender-
13 identity discrimination in certain public accommodation facilities, require that public
14 schools restrict access to specific facilities based on sex at birth, and allow related
15 lawsuits against schools;

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17 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Washington State Democratic Party,
18 oppose Initiative Measure No. 1515; and

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20 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we, the Washington State Democratic
21 Party, oppose any measure brought forth to interfere with the ruling by the Human
22 Rights Commission as well as opposing any future measure brought forth that would
23 threaten the safety, security and well-being of transgender citizens of Washington State.
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26 Submitted by the Island County Democrats.

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28 The Platform Committee recommended that this resolution be passed at their June 17,
29 2016 meeting.

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31 The 2016 Washington State Democratic Convention passed this resolution on June 18,
32 2016.
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