

1 **Resolution to Update State Party's Gender Language**
2 **to Include Everyone**

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4 **WHEREAS** multiple delegates whose gender-identification is non-binary felt excluded
5 and marginalized at recent Legislative District caucuses by being forced to choose a
6 traditional gender role temporarily in order to run as delegates to the Congressional
7 District caucus;

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9 **WHEREAS** language around gender-identity has changed dramatically in recent years;

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11 **WHEREAS** current Party language concerning gender and delegate assignment is
12 limited to traditional female and male roles and ignores advances in gender-
13 identification;

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15 **WHEREAS** the Washington State Democrats have specific language on non-
16 discrimination and equal rights in its 2016 platform; and

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18 **WHEREAS** it is always in the best interests of the Democratic Party to be the party of
19 inclusiveness;

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21 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats urge the
22 Democratic National Committee, through appropriate channels, to assign this issue to
23 an appropriate standing committee, which will hear from concerned stakeholders and
24 work with them to update the Party's language to include persons who identify as non-
25 binary and to make appropriate adjustments to Party rules on delegate assignment in
26 advance of the 2020 Presidential race.

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29 Submitted by the King County Democrats.

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31 The Platform Committee recommended that this resolution be passed at their June 17,
32 2016 meeting.

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34 The 2016 Washington State Democratic Convention passed this resolution on June 18,
35 2016.

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