

## Resolution Against the NAIS

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3 **WHEREAS** the 2007 Farm Bill now under consideration in Congress contains  
4 provisions for a National Animal Identification System (NAIS); and

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6 **WHEREAS** the NAIS would require every farmer, hobbyist and pet owner to band,  
7 mark or implant a chip with a 15 digit ID number registered in a federal database in  
8 each animal and

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10 **WHEREAS** Anyone who owns even one horse, cow, pig, sheep, chicken, pigeon, or any  
11 other livestock animal will be required to register their home, including the owner's  
12 name and other identifying information, along with the address of your farm or home,  
13 to be keyed to global positioning system (GPS) coordinates in a federal database under  
14 a 7-digit "premises ID number."; and

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16 **WHEREAS** Animals that do not have an ID number cannot be bought or sold, used to  
17 obtain stud service or sent to a slaughterhouse. And;

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19 **WHEREAS** Within the system, animal owners will be required to report the birth-date  
20 of each animal, including chickens, as well as the application of the animal's ID tag.  
21 Every time the animal enters or leaves the premises, this will have to be reported. When  
22 a tag is lost or replaced, this will need to be reported. If an animal dies, or goes missing,  
23 there will have to be a report. These events will have to be reported to the government  
24 within 24 hours; and

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26 **WHEREAS** The costs and time associated with this program may well be beyond the  
27 reach of small farmers, and make it impractical, from an economic standpoint, for  
28 people to raise their own meat.

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30 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Washington Democratic Central  
31 Committee oppose the implementation of the NAIS and urge the Washington State  
32 Congressional Delegation to oppose the implementation of the NAIS.

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35 Submitted to the WSDCC for consideration at its January 28, 2006 meeting in South  
36 Seattle - Kent by the WSDCC Agricultural Rural Caucus (Date Submitted 1/27/2006)

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38 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee amended this resolution and recommended a  
39 "Pass" at its January 28, 2006 meeting in South Seattle - Kent.

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41 Passed by the WSDCC at its January 28, 2006 meeting in South Seattle - Kent.