

# Resolution Advocating the Legalization of Medical Marijuana

**WHEREAS**, eight states – Hawaii, Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Colorado, Nevada, and Maine – have enacted laws allowing doctors to prescribe marijuana for medical purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, since federal law prohibits the use of marijuana for any purpose, doctors prescribing marijuana for medical purposes risk being arrested; and

**WHEREAS**, the above eight states plus Minnesota, Mississippi, North Carolina, and New York have reduced penalties for the possession of marijuana in recent years; and

**WHEREAS**, in May 2004, House Republicans attempted to pass legislation that would strip federal anti-drug money from local police in states which have passed medical marijuana laws; and

**WHEREAS**, in May 2004, House Republicans asked for legislation to fund the White House Drug Policy office for five more years and allow that office to run ads opposing medical marijuana initiatives;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Washington State Democratic Party shall press its U.S. Senators and Representatives to press for legislation which would protect the medical marijuana laws in the states which have passed them, and which would prohibit the reduction of federal funds to states which have passed medical marijuana laws.

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Submitted by the Island County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Party for consideration at its June 3, 2006 convention in Yakima (Date Submitted 05/26/2006)

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

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

The WSDCC passed this resolution at its September 30, 2006 meeting in Tacoma.