

Resolution on Sexual Orientation Equality

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3 **WHEREAS**, non-heterosexual persons in our society are routinely subjected to
4 discrimination in housing, employment, the right to marry, the right to adopt and raise
5 children and to serve as foster parents as well as other aspects of everyday life which
6 heterosexual persons enjoy;

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8 **WHEREAS**, non-heterosexual persons form a group of people often are submitted to
9 abusive, even violent treatment because they are not heterosexual;

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11 **WHEREAS**, non-heterosexual persons possess the same rights as other persons under
12 the Constitution of the United States of America;

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14 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic Party shall support full equality
15 under the law protecting persons of all sexual orientations, and

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17 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Democratic Party supports
18 marriage equality and equal rights for all regardless of sexual orientation or gender
19 identity. The Washington State Democratic Party opposes all attempts to deny civil
20 rights by initiative or Constitutional amendment.

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22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Democratic Party shall
23 support no law being made that limits or restricts the full equality of non-heterosexual
24 persons.
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27 Submitted by the delegates of the Grays Harbor County Democratic Convention to the
28 Washington State Democratic Party for consideration at its June 3, 2006 convention in
29 Yakima (Date Submitted 4/8/2006).

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

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

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39 The WSDCC passed this resolution as amended at its September 30, 2006 meeting in
40 Tacoma.