

USA 'PATRIOT' Act Resolution

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3 **WHEREAS**, the Patriot Act un-necessarily contradicts the intent of the Bill of Rights by
4 allowing infringement upon the rights of US citizens;

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6 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the people of the Washington State Democratic
7 Party that the Senate and the Assembly of the State of Washington are hereby directed
8 to, jointly, enact appropriate and effective measures by the State of Washington to
9 combat terrorism and affirm its commitment that the campaign not be waged at the
10 expense of essential civil rights and liberties of citizens of this country contained in the
11 United States Constitution and the Bills of Rights; and

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13 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Democratic
14 Party also urges all its congressional representatives to work to repeal any provisions
15 of the U.S.A. PATRIOT Act that limit or impinge on rights and liberties protected
16 equally by the United States Constitution and the Washington Constitution and to
17 oppose any pending and future federal legislation to the extent that it would infringe on
18 Americans' civil rights and liberties; and

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20 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the State of Washington will ensure
21 that no state resources be provided for any action that would violate the United States
22 Constitution, or the Constitution of the State of Washington.

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24 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of the Washington State
25 Democratic Party shall transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice
26 President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the
27 Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from
28 Washington State in the Congress, the Attorney General of the United States, and to all
29 federal and state law enforcement agencies.
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32 Submitted by Whatcom County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Party
33 for consideration at its June 3, 2006 convention in Yakima. (Date Submitted 05/03/2006)

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

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39 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee amended this resolution and recommended a
40 "Pass" at its September 10, 2006 meeting in Ellensburg. The resolution will be
41 forwarded to the WSDCC at its next meeting on September 29 - 30, 2006 in Tacoma.
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43 The WSDCC passed this resolution as amended at its September 30, 2006 meeting in
44 Tacoma.