

1 **Resolution Calling on Congress to Endorse and Enact**
2 **HR 676, the United States National Health Insurance Act**

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4 **WHEREAS**, every person in Washington and in the United States deserves access to
5 affordable, quality health care; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, there is a growing crisis in health care in the United States of America,
8 manifested in rising health care costs, increased premiums, out-of-pocket spending,
9 decreased international business competitiveness, and massive layoffs; and

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11 **WHEREAS**, Insurance Commissioner Mike Kreidler reported that well over 700,000
12 residents of Washington lacked health insurance in 2006; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, those insured now often experience unacceptable medical debt and
15 sometimes life-threatening delays in obtaining health care; and

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17 **WHEREAS**, one-half of all personal bankruptcies are due to illnesses or medical bills;
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20 **WHEREAS**, the increasing expense of Medicaid and the rising costs of insuring state
21 employees and teachers can best be met not by limiting benefits, but by expanding them
22 under a national, publicly-funded health insurance program; and

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24 **WHEREAS**, the complex bureaucracy arising from our fragmented, for-profit, multi-
25 payer system of health care financing consumes approximately thirty percent (30%) of
26 the United States health care spending; and

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28 **WHEREAS**, researches from Harvard University found that in 2003, 780,000 residents
29 of Washington were uninsured; that \$27,912 billion was spent on health care in the state
30 that year, and that unnecessary administrative costs amounted to \$5,254 billion (\$6,735
31 per uninsured resident); and

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33 **WHEREAS**, Representatives John Conyers and Dennis Kucinich have introduced H.R.
34 676, the United States National Health Insurance Act, in the U S House of
35 Representatives, and this act would greatly reduce administrative costs by hundreds of
36 billions of dollars while providing a universal, comprehensive, single payer system of
37 high quality national health insurance;

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39 **WHEREAS**, The Platform of the Democratic Party of Washington calls for the
40 *“establishment of a comprehensive national health care plan, (as in HR 676: universal single*
41 *payer healthcare) similar to Medicare and available to all, regardless of age or employment”*.

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43 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, That this resolution shall be transmitted to our
44 Legislature and Congressional delegation urging its adoption.

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47 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The Washington State Democratic Central
48 Committee requests :

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50 **Section 1** The Washington Legislature respectfully urges the United States
51 Congress to enact HR 676, the United States National Health
52 Insurance Act sponsored by Representative John Conyers.

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54 **Section 2** The Washington State Legislature shall transmit a copy of this
55 Resolution to the President of the United States and the members of
56 the Washington Congressional Delegation.

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60 Submitted by the Skagit County Democratic Party to the WSDCC for consideration at
61 its January 26, 2008 meeting in Vancouver (Date Submitted 1/5/2008)

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63 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND
64 RECOMMENDED A PASS" at its January 26, 2008 meeting in Vancouver.

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66 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its January 26, 2008 meeting in Vancouver.