

End Homelessness and Hunger

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3 **WHEREAS** homelessness and hunger are issues that affect every neighborhood and
4 community in America;

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6 **WHEREAS** the underlying causes of homelessness and hunger are poverty, which
7 affects a disproportionately large number of children, the elderly, veterans and disabled
8 individuals, and the mentally and emotionally ill;

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10 **WHEREAS** the Washington state legislature has demonstrated leadership on these
11 issues by mandating a statewide effort to decrease homelessness, and has committed
12 funding to support local programs to address homelessness and hunger; and

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14 **WHEREAS** the federal government has consistently been cutting funding for critical
15 programs that focus on reducing homelessness, hunger and poverty;

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17 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Central Committee urge
18 the Washington State Legislators establish a commitment to prioritize support and
19 action plan to end homelessness and hunger, and the root causes of poverty.
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22 Submitted by the Kitsap County Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee for
23 consideration at its June 14 convention in Spokane. (Date Submitted 5/1/2008)

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25 The Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDED
26 A PASS" at its May 31, 2008 meeting in Ellensburg.

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28 The Washington State Democratic Convention "PASSED" this resolution at its June 14,
29 2008 meeting in Spokane.