Resolution in Support of Keeping Yakima Valley School Open

WHEREAS Yakima Valley School (YVS) is a state residential habilitation center (RHC) that provides nursing home services to developmentally disable citizens; and

WHEREAS YVS has not been cited after an audit for five years, and is listed by Medicare as an outstanding provider of nursing home services; and

WHEREAS YVS also successfully provides services to the community, including respite and dental; and

WHEREAS YVS provides a vital source of employment for the local area, and family wage jobs, during times of economic difficulties, should be preserved; and

WHEREAS closure of YVS would inflict serious economic harm to the local area; and

WHEREAS the previous closure of state RHC nursing home, Interlake, failed to provide substantial saving of state dollars;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee actively opposes the gubernatorial proposal to close the Yakima Valley School; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the WSDCC will actively urge its members to contact their state legislators to express support for Yakima Valley School, and the express opposition to closing Yakima Valley School.

Submitted by the Disabilities Issues Caucus with the signatures of fifty State Central Committee members to the Washington State Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its January 24 meeting in Olympia. (Date Submitted 1/24/2008)

The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its January 24, 2009 meeting in Olympia.