

1 **A Resolution Concerning a Revenue Solution**
2 **to the Washington State Budget Deficit**
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4 **WHEREAS** our platform states that Democratic values include health care for all, high-
5 quality public education, the elimination of poverty, the end of homelessness and the
6 achievement of justice for all;

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8 **WHEREAS** Washington State is facing a \$2.6 billion shortfall in the 2010 supplemental
9 budget;

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11 **WHEREAS** cutting another \$2.6 billion from the 2009-2011 bi-annual budget would
12 result in:

- 13 • Over 65,000 people losing access to affordable health insurance;
- 14 • 16,000 children losing health insurance coverage;
- 15 • Over 20,000 people unable to work due to disability losing financial and medical
16 assistance;
- 17 • 12,300 students from lower income families losing an important source of
18 financial aid;
- 19 • 10,000 working families per month losing child care assistance;
- 20 • 1,500 three-year-olds losing access to early learning opportunities;

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22 **WHEREAS** the damage from cutting another \$2.6 billion to our education system,
23 health care infrastructure, public safety, and environmental protections would impact
24 all Washingtonians;

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26 **WHEREAS** when presenting her "all-cuts" budget Gov. Gregoire stated, "This
27 document is not true to the values I believe in and which have guided me through a 30-
28 year career in public service"; and

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30 **WHEREAS** Democratic leaders in the House and Senate joined the Governor in calling
31 for new taxes to help close the budget gap;

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33 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Central
34 Committee urges the legislature and Gov. Christine Gregoire to explore all revenue
35 solutions, and to find a revenue solution to the \$2.6 billion shortfall in the 2010
36 supplemental budget; and

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38 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that any regressive revenue solution be
39 accompanied with a mechanism to mitigate the adverse effects such an increase would
40 have on low income families and individuals.
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43 Submitted by the 37th LD Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central
44 Committee for consideration at its January 30, 2010 meeting in Seattle. (Date Submitted
45 1/21/2010)

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47 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND
48 RECOMMENDED A PASS" at its January 30, 2010 meeting in Seattle.

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50 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its January 30, 2010 meeting in Seattle.