

Resolution to Preserve Social Security

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3 **WHEREAS** half of all senior citizens would fall into poverty without Social Security;

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5 **WHEREAS** the security of private pension plans is the subject of increased uncertainty;

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7 **WHEREAS** job losses have rendered many Americans ineligible for an employer-based
8 pension;

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10 **WHEREAS** Social Security continues to run an annual surplus and remains capable of
11 paying scheduled benefits in full for the next three decades;

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13 **WHEREAS** Social Security provides needed disability and survivor's benefits;

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15 **WHEREAS** Social Security creates a national sense of community;

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17 **WHEREAS** the Republicans have attempted to incite fears of a Social Security crisis and
18 have based their statistics on artificially low economic estimates of US productivity
19 indicators; and

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21 **WHEREAS** only the first \$106,800 of EARNED INCOME is presently subject to Social
22 Security Tax;

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24 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the WA State Democrats, urge Congress to
25 eliminate this arbitrary cap;

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27 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we reaffirm the preservation of Social Security as
28 a cornerstone of Democratic policy;

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30 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we affirm the need to strengthen
31 Social Security's long term finances for the future;

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33 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we affirm the role of Social Security
34 as a reliable, guaranteed benefit for retirement, disability insurance and survivors'
35 income;

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37 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we will oppose any attempt by the
38 bipartisan Deficit Reduction Commission or any effort by the executive branch or
39 Congress to weaken or reduce Social Security and its benefits; and

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41 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution will be sent to
42 our delegation along with a request for response within thirty days, listing the actions

43 they are willing to take to support this resolution or a list of the reasons explaining why
44 it cannot be supported.

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47 Submitted by the 48th LD Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee for
48 consideration at its June 26 convention in Vancouver. (Date Submitted 4/21/2010)

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50 Consolidated with Resolution #45 by the Subcommittee on the Corporate Power and
51 Media Reform, Economic Justice and Development, and Labor. (Date Considered
52 5/2/2010)

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54 Recommended Pass with amendments by the State Convention Platform Committee.
55 (Date Considered 6/5/2010)

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57 The Washington State Democratic Convention "PASSED" this resolution at its June 26,
58 2010 meeting in Vancouver.