

Voluntary Voter Designation of Party Affiliation

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3 **WHEREAS** the “top two” primary voting in Washington State has weakened political
4 party identification;

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6 **WHEREAS** the major political parties are the strongest organizations bringing
7 information to the voters during the campaign season; and
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9 **WHEREAS** the multi-party system has historically served the country well in
10 promoting dialogue, bringing consensus on issues, and promoting majority rule in the
11 legislatures;

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13 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats will support
14 efforts to include voluntary party identification utilizing a Democrat, Republican, or
15 Other check-off at the time of voter registration or voter change of address; and
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17 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be
18 transmitted to relevant officials along with a request for response within thirty days,
19 listing the actions they are willing to take to support this resolution or a list of the
20 reasons explaining why it cannot be supported.
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23 Submitted by the Spokane County Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee for
24 consideration at its June 26 convention in Vancouver. (Date Submitted 4/21/2010)

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26 Recommended Pass by the Subcommittee on Foreign Policy, Government and Political
27 Reform, and the Military. (Date Considered 5/2/2010)

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

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32 The Washington State Democratic Convention “PASSED” this resolution at its June 26,
33 2010 meeting in Vancouver.