

## Resolution in Support of Legislation to Prevent Violence Against Women

**WHEREAS** studies show that one of every three women worldwide will be physically, sexually or otherwise abused, and this type of violence and abuse ranges from rape to domestic violence and honor killings;

**WHEREAS** violence against women and girls is an extreme human rights violation and global challenge that knows no national or cultural barriers; and

**WHEREAS** we know that violence against women is a human rights violation that must be eliminated, and that violence against women is also a major cause of poverty and a huge barrier to education, working and earning to raise their families out of poverty;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Democratic Party urges the Washington State Congressional Delegation to support legislation that would help millions of women in developing countries by providing for more legal protection, by expanding health programs to address the specific needs of the abused women; and by establishing U.S. training programs for foreign militaries and police to address how to prevent and respond to violence against women; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be transmitted to relevant officials along with a request for response within thirty days, listing the actions they are willing to take to support this resolution, or a list of the reasons explaining why it cannot be supported.

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Submitted by the Clallam County Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its June 26 convention in Vancouver. (Date Submitted 4/13/2010)

Recommended Pass with amendments by the Subcommittee on Human Rights, Civil Rights and Human Services, Immigration, Indian Tribes and Sovereignty, and Law and Justice. (Date Considered 5/2/2010)

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

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