

1 **Resolution Calling for Federal Recognition of the**
2 **Duwamish Tribe**

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4 **WHEREAS** the ancestral lands of the Duwamish Tribe include the current boundaries
5 of the City of Seattle, and members of the Duwamish Tribe continue to reside on those
6 lands;

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8 **WHEREAS** the Duwamish Tribe, represented by Chief Si'ahl (Seattle), was the first
9 signatory of the Point Elliott Treaty of 1855, guaranteeing the Tribe rights and federal
10 recognition, but the government of the United States of America has not honored the
11 provisions of that treaty with respect to the Duwamish Tribe;

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13 **WHEREAS** the Duwamish Tribe received federal recognition by Executive Order of
14 President Bill Clinton on January 19, 2001;

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16 **WHEREAS** that Executive Order was rescinded by the Bush Administration on January
17 21, 2001;

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19 **WHEREAS** four bills to extend federal recognition to the Duwamish Tribe have been
20 submitted by Representative Jim McDermott (HR 477 - Jan. 29, 2003; HR 852 - Feb. 16,
21 2005; HR 949 - Feb. 8, 2007; HR 2678 - June 3, 2009), which Congress has failed to act
22 upon; and

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24 **WHEREAS** the State Democratic platform calls for “[r]estoration of federal recognition
25 for formerly recognized Tribes”; the King County Democratic Platform states
26 specifically that “[f]ederal recognition of the Duwamish tribe must be restored”; and the
27 46th District platform declares support for “[r]einstating federal recognition of the
28 Duwamish tribe”;

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30 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we affirm our support for federal recognition of
31 the Duwamish Tribe as provided by President Clinton’s Executive Order; and

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33 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we urge all members of Washington
34 State’s Congressional delegation to sponsor and support legislation to accomplish such
35 recognition, and to notify us of their actions toward rectification of this unfortunate
36 miscarriage of justice.

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39 Submitted by the King County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central
40 Committee for consideration at its April 30, 2011 meeting in Wenatchee. (Date
41 Submitted 4/16/2011)

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43 Submitted by the 46^h Legislative District Democrats to the Washington State Democratic
44 Central Committee for consideration at its April 30, 2011 meeting in Wenatchee. (Date
45 Submitted 4/22/2011)

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47 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "TABLED" this resolution at its April 30, 2011
48 meeting in Wenatchee.

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50 THE WSDCC "AFFIRMED THE RESOLUTION COMMITTEE'S DECISION TO
51 TABLE" this resolution at its April 30, 2011 meeting in Wenatchee.

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53 The Resolutions Committee recommended that this resolution be "PASSED" at its
54 September 17, 2011 Meeting in Bellingham.

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56 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its September 17, 2011 Meeting in Bellingham.