

## In Support of Family Planning Funding

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3 **WHEREAS** family planning helps improve the health and well-being of women, men  
4 and children;

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6 **WHEREAS** citizens of the State of Washington are suffering because of a family  
7 planning funding crisis;

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9 **WHEREAS** recent federal policy changes to Washington's Medicaid family planning  
10 waiver program, Take Charge, have restricted access to services causing a drop in  
11 statewide enrollment;

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13 **WHEREAS** the family planning services that many Franklin County residents no longer  
14 qualify for include: pregnancy testing, sexually transmitted disease testing and  
15 treatment, birth control, annual exams for women and cancer screening;

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17 **WHEREAS** Franklin County has the third highest teenage pregnancy rate in  
18 Washington State;

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20 **WHEREAS** Franklin County has the second highest Chlamydia rate in Washington  
21 State;

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23 **WHEREAS** family planning is cost-effective, and every public dollar spent on family  
24 planning services saves Medicaid costs for pregnancy-related health care and for  
25 medical care of newborns; and

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27 **WHEREAS** health care services are a basic necessity for a modern society;

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29 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that

- 30     • Family planning is basic health care for men and women,  
31     • Family planning funding is essential to create healthy communities statewide;  
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34 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats  
35 contact members in the legislature to let them know that Family Planning is basic health  
36 care and a crucial part of the health care safety net, and urge them to support and fund  
37 family planning services as a priority in Washington State.  
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41 Central Committee for consideration at its June 2, 2012 Convention. (Date Submitted  
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44 Recommended 'PASS WITH AMENDMENTS' by the Subcommittee on the Preamble,  
45 Health Care, and Human Services at its May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting in Ellensburg.

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47 Recommended 'PASS' by the Platform Committee at its June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting in Seattle.

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49 'PASSED' by the Washington State Democratic Convention at its June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in

50 Seattle.