

# Resolution Affirming Support for Planned Parenthood

**WHEREAS** Planned Parenthood provides necessary and preventive services such as screening for breast and cervical cancer, sexually transmitted diseases, diabetes, anemia, thyroid function, liver function, smoking cessation, healthy physicals, pap smears, yeast infections, contraception, routine lab workups, infertility, and abortion services;

**WHEREAS** there has been an ever-increasing move towards suppressing women's rights in making their own decisions about family planning;

**WHEREAS** anti-choice state legislatures have been passing bills and governors signing into law restrictions on women's access to legal abortion that was guaranteed by the Supreme Court in the Roe v. Wade decision;

**WHEREAS** access to affordable birth control gives women flexibility in making decisions about their education, employment, and family size; and

**WHEREAS** access to affordable birth control is being significantly threatened by those claiming denial of service is a freedom of religion issue;

**WHEREAS** women are fully capable of making their own decisions about their reproductive health and choosing whether and when to have a family;

**WHEREAS** Planned Parenthood has been attacked nationally on political grounds and funding has been withdrawn;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Washington State Democratic Party, continue to support a woman's right to choose and oppose such measures as fetal personhood amendments, requiring invasive and unnecessary medical procedures prior to a woman receiving an abortion, requiring a woman to meet privately with her doctor prior to receiving an abortion, imposing waiting periods before an abortion may be performed, or other restrictions that make abortion so difficult that it becomes de facto unavailable;

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we recognize women are entitled, as equal members of society, to make family planning decisions without encroachment from the government, that we will provide support to ensure that all women have access to family planning options, regardless of income, and that we will push back against those who try to take these rights away from women; and

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Washington State Democrats urge our delegation in Congress and in the State Legislature to support Planned Parenthood and to continue funding it at a level that sustains the health services being provided.

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47 Central Committee for consideration at its June 2, 2012 Convention. (Date Submitted  
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50 Recommended 'PASS WITH AMENDMENTS' by the Subcommittee on the Preamble,  
51 Health Care, and Human Services at its May 12<sup>th</sup> meeting in Ellensburg.

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

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55 'PASSED' by the Washington State Democratic Convention at its June 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in  
56 Seattle.