

Resolution on Preserving Medicare

1 **WHEREAS** the U.S. Medicare system provides insurance coverage for vital healthcare
2 services to seniors and disabled citizens and keeps millions of people from falling into
3 abject poverty due to the cost of their medical treatments; and
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5 **WHEREAS** the issue with Medicare is the rising cost of medical services, not the
6 program itself; and
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8 **WHEREAS** the continuing of the economic downturn, tax cuts for the very wealthy and
9 corporations, the expense of unbudgeted wars in Iraq and Afghanistan are all
10 responsible for the increase in deficits and the federal debt; and
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12 **WHEREAS** privatizing Medicare with a “vouchers” system and forcing seniors to buy
13 private health insurance offers no guarantee of quality, affordable care or even any care
14 at all if insurers deny coverage to seniors; now
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16 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Washington State Democratic Central
17 Committee email the President and our congressional representatives and call upon
18 them to initiate actions that will increase federal revenue by repealing tax breaks for the
19 very wealthy and large corporations and use that increase in revenue to follow through
20 on promises to invest in America’s middle class and to protect our poor, young,
21 disabled and senior citizens by improving and continuing the Medicare and Medicaid
22 programs.
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25 Submitted by the Clark County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic Central committee for
26 consideration at its April 27, meeting in Chelan. (Date submitted April 11, 2013)
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28 Submitted by the 32nd District Democratic Organization to the Washington State Democratic Central
29 Committee for consideration at its April 27, 2013 meeting. (Submitted 4/19/2013)
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31 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee “CONSOLODATED THIS RESOLUTION WITH RESOLUTION
32 #613” at its April 27, 2013 meeting in Chelan.
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34 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee “AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDED A
35 PASS” at its April 27, 2013 meeting in Chelan.
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37 The WSDCC “PASSED” this resolution at its April 27, 2013 meeting in Chelan.