

1 **To Protect Citizens Privacy Rights from**
2 **the National Security Agency and Other Federal Agencies**
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4 **WHEREAS** the President’s Panel on Liberty and Security was appointed by President
5 Barack Obama in the wake of disclosures by Edward Snowden that the United States
6 government has engaged in massive spying, without Court orders, on United States
7 citizens and others communicating with U.S. citizens;
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9 **WHEREAS** the President’s Panel on Liberty and Security has recommended 46 actions
10 which the President and Congress should take to end the current massive illegal search
11 of personal communications records and prevent future abuse of Constitutionally-
12 guaranteed rights; and
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14 **WHEREAS** the recommendations include these: that the Director of the National
15 Security Agency (NSA) be a Senate-confirmed position; that civilians be eligible to hold
16 that position and that the President appoint a civilian as the next NSA Director; that the
17 NSA should be clearly designated as a foreign intelligence organization and missions
18 other than foreign intelligence collection should be re-assigned elsewhere; and that the
19 head of the military unit, US Cyber Command, and the NSA Director should not be one
20 individual;
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22 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats urge President
23 Barack Obama to enact the recommendations of his Panel on Liberty and Security
24 through his executive powers, and that the Washington State delegation to Congress to
25 introduce legislation to enact the recommendations into law.
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28 Submitted by the Pierce County Democrats to the 2014 Washington State Democratic
29 Convention. (Date Submitted 4/12/2014)
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31 The Subcommittee on Civil and Human Rights amended this resolution at their May
32 18th meeting.
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34 The Subcommittee on Civil and Human Rights recommended that this resolution be
35 passed as amended at their May 18th meeting.
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37 The Platform Committee affirmed the recommendation of the Subcommittee on Civil
38 and Human Rights at their May 31st meeting.
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40 The 2014 Washington State Democratic Convention passed this resolution on June 21,
41 2014.