

1                                   **Resolution to Repeal the USAPATRIOT Act**

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3   **WHEREAS** much of the USAPATRIOT Act is unconstitutional and deprives Americans  
4 of their rights under the Bill of Rights;

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6   **WHEREAS** the USAPATRIOT Act is a direct attack on the rights of the American  
7 people in principle and actual fact.

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9   **WHEREAS** the USAPATRIOT Act contravenes Amendments IV, V, VI and VIII of the  
10 Constitution;

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12   **WHEREAS** in the words of Patrick Henry “The Constitution is not an instrument for  
13 the government to restrain the people, it is an instrument for the people to restrain the  
14 government – lest it come to dominate our lives and interests.” And the USAPATRIOT  
15 Act violates this basic American principle and as such is in violation of the Constitution  
16 of the United States and the rights of the people protected by said Constitution; and

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18   **WHEREAS** the present Supreme Court cannot be counted on to remedy this travesty,  
19 the legislative branch must enact a remedy;

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21   **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Democratic Party of the State of Washington  
22 direct the Congressional delegation, and state legislators to work diligently and  
23 publically to repeal the repugnant USAPATRIOT Act.

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26 Submitted by the Pacific County Democrats to the 2014 Washington State Democratic  
27 Convention. (Date Submitted 4/12/2014)

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29 The Subcommittee on Civil and Human Rights amended this resolution at their May  
30 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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32 The Subcommittee on Civil and Human Rights recommended that this resolution be  
33 passed as amended at their May 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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35 The Platform Committee affirmed the recommendation of the Subcommittee on Civil  
36 and Human Rights at their May 31<sup>st</sup> meeting.

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38 The 2014 Washington State Democratic Convention passed this resolution on June 21,  
39 2014.