

1 **Enact the USA Freedom Act**
2 **To End Illegal Searches of Private Communications and**
3 **Restore the 4th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution**
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5 **WHEREAS** the 4th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution protects against unreasonable
6 search and seizure;

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8 **WHEREAS** the National Security Agency (NSA) has willfully violated the 4th
9 Amendment by collecting massive information from personal communication, mostly
10 without reasons nor by first seeking permission available through FISA procedures;

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12 **WHEREAS** the NSA has falsely claimed that such mass spying programs stopped 54
13 terror incidents but has only been willing to admit to a single valid case where a San
14 Diego cab driver was convicted of sending \$8,500 to a Somali terrorist group;

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16 **WHEREAS** the federal Privacy and Civil Liberties Oversight Board (PCLB) and the
17 President's hand-picked Surveillance Review Group have found that the massive phone
18 records program added no unique value to the many surveillance programs already in
19 existence;

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21 **WHEREAS** the PCLB has determined that the NSA did not obtain any information it
22 could not have acquired using targeted surveillance with legal warrants;

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24 **WHEREAS** the mass spying by federal agencies was hidden from the American public
25 and from the Congressional intelligence committees responsible for legislation
26 protecting the United States from terrorists, while continuing to be responsible for
27 protecting us against government threats to American democracy; and

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29 **WHEREAS** the USA Freedom Act has been proposed to end wholesale US government
30 spying on Americans, and is co-sponsored by Washington members of Congress Suzan
31 DelBene, Rick Larsen and Jim McDermott;

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33 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the mass collection of Americans' records be
34 ended;

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36 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Congress also amend the 2008 FISA
37 Amendments Act to require that government agencies obtain court orders before using
38 information about Americans collected during foreign intelligence operations;

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40 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that communications providers be
41 allowed to disclose the number of surveillance orders they receive, that the information
42 be published, and that all FISA court opinions should be made public immediately;

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44 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a public advocate position be created
45 to advise the secret FISA surveillance court;

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47 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Washington State delegation to
48 Congress join the other 21 U.S. Senators and 134 members of Congress in co-sponsoring
49 and working for passage of the USA Freedom Act; and

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51 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats urge
52 President Barack Obama to enact those principles through his executive powers
53 immediately, and that the Washington State delegation to Congress introduce
54 legislation to enact the recommendations into law.

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57 Submitted by the Pierce County Democrats to the 2014 Washington State Democratic
58 Convention. (Date Submitted 4/12/2014)

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60 The Subcommittee on Civil and Human Rights amended this resolution at their May
61 18th meeting.

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63 The Subcommittee on Civil and Human Rights recommended that this resolution be
64 passed as amended at their May 18th meeting.

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66 The Platform Committee affirmed the recommendation of the Subcommittee on Civil
67 and Human Rights at their May 31st meeting.

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69 The 2014 Washington State Democratic Convention passed this resolution on June 21,
70 2014.