

1 **Resolution on Restoring and Enforcing**
2 **Legal Access to Abortion**

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4 **WHEREAS** during the past three to four years, over half the states in our country have
5 adopted medically unnecessary but burdensome requirements for major physical
6 changes in the facilities of legal abortion providers;

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8 **WHEREAS** these states have also adopted unnecessary requirements for providers to
9 obtain local hospital privileges, privileges that are often not available and always
10 unneeded;

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12 **WHEREAS** the result is that in these states a large number of providers have been
13 forced to close their clinics;

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15 **WHEREAS** these medically unnecessary forced closures of these clinics, as well as laws
16 that extend the time required between seeking an abortion and obtaining one, deprive
17 women of timely and previously reasonable access to legal abortion as envisioned in the
18 Roe v. Wade decision;

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20 **WHEREAS** it is unconstitutional for a woman to be required to submit to intra-vaginal
21 ultrasound or to be forced to view anti-abortion propaganda;

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23 **WHEREAS** these repressive requirements have no demonstrable connection with the
24 falsely claimed protection of women’s health;

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26 **WHEREAS** there have been conflicting court decisions as to the constitutionality of
27 these legislative acts; and

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29 **WHEREAS** the Attorney General of the United States, Eric Holder, has it within his
30 power to challenge all of these repressive regulations that create undue burdens for
31 providers and for women to exercise their constitutional right to access safe, legal
32 abortions without obstacles being placed in their way;

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34 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Central
35 Committee asks Attorney General Eric Holder to seek a legal remedy through the
36 federal courts against all state legislative acts that diminish, restrict, or in any way make
37 more difficult or unduly burdensome the exercise of constitutionally protected access to
38 safe, legal abortion in all states that have enacted such regulations, whether applied to
39 providers or to their patients.

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