

## Supporting Refugee Resettlement to the United States

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3 **WHEREAS** Article 1, Section 8 of the Constitution of the United States mandates the  
4 establishment of “an uniform Rule of Naturalization” and the United States has  
5 admitted millions of immigrants since the passage of the Naturalization Act of 1790;

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7 **WHEREAS** immigrants who have been able to take advantage of our country’s uneven  
8 immigration policies were the forbearers of our current population and have  
9 contributed beyond measure to the fabric of American life and the economic health of  
10 Mason County;

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12 **WHEREAS** the world is currently experiencing a large number of refugees fleeing war-  
13 torn countries and impoverished economies who are as desirous of immigrating to the  
14 United States as many of our forebears were;

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16 **WHEREAS** there is every reason to assume that refugees admitted would be as  
17 contributory to the United States as previous generations of immigrants were; and

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19 **WHEREAS** Governor Jay Inslee was the first governor in any state to speak forcefully  
20 in favor of refugee resettlement;

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22 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Central  
23 Committee communicate to President Obama and our Congressional delegation that we  
24 believe it right and just to support President Barack Obama’s efforts to have the United  
25 States participate in international efforts to ease the current refugee crisis by facilitating  
26 the resettlement of a proportionate number of refugees in the United States where they  
27 will strive, succeed and enrich our society; and

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29 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that we thank Governor Inslee for  
30 standing up for the values of the Democratic Party.

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33 Submitted by the Mason County Democrats to the WSDCC. (Date Submitted  
34 12/17/2015)

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36 The Resolutions Committee amended this resolution and recommended that it be  
37 “PASSED” at its January 30, 2016 meeting in Lynnwood.

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39 The WSDCC “PASSED” this resolution at its January 30, 2016 meeting in Lynnwood.