

1                   **Resolution in Solidarity with “Black Lives Matter”**

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3   **WHEREAS**, the Democratic Party Platform upholds the ideals of equal justice under the  
4 law, racial justice, and human dignity for all;

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6   **WHEREAS**, the recent deaths of Eric Garner, Michael Brown, Sandra Bland, Trayvon  
7 Martin, Tamir Rice, and too many others, compel questioning of whether or not equal  
8 justice under the law is possible for Black people;

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10   **WHEREAS**, these deaths are indicative of a growing social-economic division that  
11 threatens the current and future well-being of Black people;

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13   **WHEREAS**, we express our outrage, frustration, and grief at the deaths of unarmed  
14 Black people;

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16   **WHEREAS**, we express our solidarity with tens of thousands of protesters throughout  
17 the nation who are peacefully demonstrating their support for Black Lives Matter; and

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19   **WHEREAS** we believe that all Black lives matter;

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21   **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Democratic Party demands equal justice  
22 under the law, including racial justice;

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24   **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Democratic Party rejects  
25 institutional racism in all aspects of our national life;

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27   **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Democratic Party shall stand  
28 with other labor and community groups calling for creating a national model for  
29 community policing, and ending all remnants of institutionalized racism in the justice  
30 system; and

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32   **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that all Black lives matter.  
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34 Submitted by the Grant County Convention.

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37 The Platform Committee recommended that this resolution be passed at their June 17,  
38 2016 meeting.

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40 The 2016 Washington State Democratic Convention passed this resolution on June 18,  
41 2016.  
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