

Justice in Guantanamo Bay

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3 **WHEREAS**, the practice of holding people in the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base
4 detention center represents the continuation of a repudiated foreign policy and stain
5 upon the character of the United States;

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7 **WHEREAS**, the remaining prisoners at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base detention
8 center lack basic human and legal rights as outlined by the U.S. Constitution and
9 international law;

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11 **WHEREAS**, those prisoners who have been cleared for release since 2010 by an inter-
12 agency task force continue to be detained;

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14 **WHEREAS**, it is wrong for any country, for any reason, to detain someone for over 11
15 years and not charge him with any crime;

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17 **WHEREAS**, the United Nations have declared that the continued imprisonment of the
18 Guantanamo Bay Naval Base detention center prisoners is a flagrant violation of
19 international human rights law and in itself constitutes a form of cruel, inhuman, and
20 degrading treatment; and

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22 **WHEREAS**, President Obama has pledged to close the prison and has indicated that the
23 prison is not necessary to keep America safe. It's expensive, it's inefficient, it hurts us in
24 terms of international standing, it lessens cooperation with our allies in counter
25 terrorism efforts;

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27 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Democrats call upon our
28 federal representative and senators to advocate and act forthrightly to see justice done
29 in the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base detention center and call for all its prisoners to be
30 charged or released; and

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32 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we call upon President Obama to
33 maintain his pledge to close the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base detention center.
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36 Submitted by the Grant County Convention.

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38 The Platform Committee recommended that this resolution be passed at their June 17,
39 2016 meeting.

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41 The 2016 Washington State Democratic Convention passed this resolution on June 18,
42 2016.