

Same Day Voter Registration Resolution

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3 **WHEREAS** thirteen states plus the District of Columbia presently offer same-day voter
4 registration, allowing qualified residents to go to an election official's office or the polls
5 either before or on Election Day to register to vote and cast their ballot all in the same
6 day;

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8 **WHEREAS** California, Hawaii, and Vermont have enacted such legislation but have not
9 yet implemented it as they are in the process of working on the implementation rules;

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11 **WHEREAS** it is past time that we have a democracy that is truly representative of all
12 eligible voters/residents;

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14 **WHEREAS** Americans should be allowed to show up at the polls to express their views
15 in order for the candidates/elected officials to be responsive to all of the people they
16 represent; and

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18 **WHEREAS** barriers to voting need to be lowered to help us work towards a more
19 responsive democracy;

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21 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats support
22 legislation that would allow for same day voter registration in Washington State at
23 his/her county auditor's office or other designated location on or before a primary,
24 special, or general election day; and

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26 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the chair will send a copy of this
27 resolution to our Representatives, Senator, and Governor urging passage of same day
28 voter registration.

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31 Submitted by the 1st LD Democrats. (Date Submitted 9/2/2016)

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33 The Resolutions Committee amended this resolution and included it in the "DO PASS"
34 slate at its September 17, 2016 meeting.

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36 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution as amended at its September 17, 2016 meeting in
37 Yakima.