

1 **Resolution in Support of Transgender Service members**

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3 **WHEREAS** Democratic platforms routinely condemn discrimination based on
4 prejudice;

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6 **WHEREAS** the right of our transgender population to be protected from discrimination
7 has been recognized by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission;

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9 **WHEREAS** transgender individuals have nevertheless been disproportionately
10 subjected to prejudice, harassment, violence, economic hardship and societal exclusion;

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12 **WHEREAS** the contributions and sacrifices made by our service members and their
13 families should be honored, not insulted;

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15 **WHEREAS** President Trump announced on Twitter on July 26, 2017, the 69th
16 anniversary of President Truman's racial integration of our armed forces, a hateful
17 policy of excluding transgender individuals from service in the military, and
18 subsequently signed an executive order on August 25th, 2017, to affirm this intent; and

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20 **WHEREAS** transgender rights are human rights, and the President's determination to
21 exclude transgender service members is deplorable and un-American;

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23 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Central
24 Committee thanks our existing population of transgender service members and
25 veterans for their service to country in the face of bigotry and discrimination;

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27 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that Washington State Democratic Central
28 Committee pledges our support for the transgender community in advancing policies
29 that remove barriers of exclusion, economic hardship, and discrimination, and that we
30 will stand with the transgender community against the various outrages hurled against
31 them by the forces of hate;

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33 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic
34 Central Committee urges U.S. Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray to advocate
35 for and advance legislation to prevent exclusion of and discrimination against
36 transgender service members;

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38 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic
39 Central Committee urges all U.S. Representatives from the state of Washington to
40 advocate for and advance legislation to prevent exclusion of and discrimination against
41 transgender service members; and

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43 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic
44 Central Committee requests the above-mentioned U.S. Senators and
45 Representatives to notify us by October 15, 2017, as to their actions and intended actions
46 in implementation of this resolution.

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49 Submitted by the 32nd LD Democrats on 8/25/2017.

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51 The Resolutions Committee reviewed and amended the resolution and recommended
52 that it be passed.

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54 The Washington State Democratic Central Committee approved this resolution on
55 9/10/17.