

1 **Opposing Shameful Walls on the Borders of Our Nation**

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3 **WHEREAS** in 1883, Emma Lazarus wrote “The New Colossus” as a tribute to the
4 symbolism of the Statue of Liberty;

5 **WHEREAS** that poem is inscribed on a plaque at the base of Lady Liberty;

6 **WHEREAS** the poem proclaims to all:

7 Not like the brazen giant of Greek fame,
8 With conquering limbs astride from land to land;
9 Here at our sea-washed, sunset gates shall stand
10 A mighty woman with a torch, whose flame
11 Is the imprisoned lightning, and her name
12 Mother of Exiles. From her beacon-hand
13 Glows world-wide welcome; her mild eyes command
14 The air-bridged harbor that twin cities frame.
15 “Keep, ancient lands, your storied pomp!” cries she
16 With silent lips. “Give me your tired, your poor,
17 Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,
18 The wretched refuse of your teeming shore.
19 Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me,
20 I lift my lamp beside the golden door!”; and

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22 **WHEREAS** the construction of a shameful walls on any of our borders would
23 contradict the spirit of The New Colossus;

24 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** the Washington State Democrats oppose the
25 construction of shameful walls on any of our borders.

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27 Submitted by the Skagit County Democrats.

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29 The Platform Committee recommended that this resolution be passed at their
30 June 15, 2018 meeting.

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32 The 2018 Washington State Democratic Convention passed this resolution on
33 June 16, 2018.