

RESOLUTION TO ALLOCATE ALL PRESIDENTIAL DELEGATES BY A PRIMARY

WHEREAS Presidential-preference primaries in Washington were instituted by a statewide citizens' initiative, and

WHEREAS the necessity of caucus attendance on a specified day inevitably disenfranchises (1) people who must work on that day or are already committed to be out of town for business or other reasons, (2) people who must care for small children, and (3) many military personnel and elderly people of diminished mobility who do not get adequate, timely notice of the need to prepare and submit "surrogate affidavit" paperwork, and

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the disfavored status of Presidential primaries under rules adopted by the Washington State Democratic Party, many more people vote in those primaries than participate in Presidential-year caucuses, and

WHEREAS the broader voting population in primaries is a better indicator of a candidate's ultimate electoral appeal than is afforded by the markedly sparser attendance at caucuses, and

WHEREAS the caucus system in our state confuses and frustrates many grassroots Democrats and diverts and consumes finite resources of volunteer time and money that could be better used to get Democrats elected, and

WHEREAS the Democratic Party takes its name from a classic-Greek phrase signifying the vesting of political authority in the people generally, rather than in oligarchs;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we Washington Democrats, attending a caucus pursuant to present Party rules, strongly urge the Washington State Democrats, in all future Presidential election cycles, to allocate our Party's entire apportionment of National Convention delegates in accordance with the results of Washington's Presidential primary.

Adopted _____ by _____