

## Resolution to the Washington State Legislature for a Bill Supporting the Sisterhood of the State of Washington and the Indian State of Punjab

**Whereas** Punjab, in the northwestern section of India, is very similar to the State of Washington in that it is a major grower of wheat, the people have a wonderful cultural history and are known for their technical and business accomplishments; and

**Whereas** Punjabis contribute extensively to the Washington State economy, first arriving in Whatcom County in 1904, Punjabis raise over \$300 million in berry crops, and many have become educators, entrepreneurs, doctors, and other professionals in communities throughout our state; and

**Whereas** Punjabis have become citizens who vote and give back to their respective communities--including more than 6000 registered voters in King County alone, some involved in party politics; and

**Whereas** The state of Washington has many industries and businesses that will share in the fruits of a sister-state relationship, in fields such as education, technology, aerospace, and the growing Washington wine industry,

**Therefore be it resolved** that the Washington State Legislature should draft and pass a combined bill in the House and Senate to support the sisterhood of the two states and foster the sharing of agricultural, technological, educational, and cultural relationships.

Passed unanimously by the King County Democratic Central Committee (KCDCC)  
Tuesday September 28, 2010  
Susan C. Sheary, Chair