

RESOLUTION TO INCLUDE ALL GENDERS IN PARTY REPRESENTATION

WHEREAS the Democratic Party stands for inclusion of all people, including minority populations; and

WHEREAS an increasing number of people publicly identify as a non-binary gender (neither man nor woman); and

WHEREAS, in a laudable effort toward fair representation, the Democratic Party requires that representation to some party committees and events, such as members of the State Central Committee and delegates to state and national conventions, be divided equally between females and males; and

WHEREAS this division leaves people of non-binary gender without a clear path toward representation;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we call upon the Washington State Democrats to develop new, inclusive language and procedures to include fair representation of all genders in party committees and conventions; for example, by simply requiring that an LD's two representatives to a Party committee not be of the same gender; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED we ask that these language and procedure changes be in effect by September 2017; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the King County Democrats will send this resolution to the State Party Chair, Rules Committee, and Resolutions Committee.

Adopted by the King County Democratic Central Committee, August 23, 2016

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