

### **Resolution to Amend Charter Preamble**

WHEREAS the Preamble of the Charter of the Democratic Party of the State of Washington should clearly and explicitly state the purpose of Washington State Democrats, and

WHEREAS in 1776, Thomas Jefferson had observed a "long train of abuses" that still continues to this day in new modern forms,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the 44th Legislative District Democrats, shall encourage other County and Legislative District Democratic parties across Washington State to also support this exact wording of this charter amendment, and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we shall memorialize the Democratic Party of the State of Washington to amend the Charter of the Democratic Party of the State of Washington by replacing the existing Preamble, and by renumbering the section numbers of Article I to allow the insertion of a new Section A, as follows:

#### **Preamble**

**Democrats Govern** in pursuit of Life, Liberty, and Happiness by setting, maintaining, and enforcing boundaries within which all people thrive. All power to govern resides with the people.

The Declaration of Independence requires our active participation, wisdom, and consent to protect our unalienable Rights from any long train of abuses that might reduce them, or that might pillage our natural, human, or economic resources.

For these purposes, and in reverent accordance with the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Washington, and the National Charter of the Democratic Party of the United States, we organized under the laws of the State of Washington and do hereby adopt this Charter of the Democratic Party of the State of Washington.

#### **Article I**

##### **Democratic Party of the State of Washington**

A. We pledge to protect individuals' rights, civil liberties, our environment, and social and economic justice for all. We encourage maximum participation in the political process, and are a truly representative Party open to all who support its values.

B. ...

C. ...