

1 **WHEREAS** Benton and Franklin Counties have over 40,000 people who are uninsured or
2 underinsured with regard to health insurance, and

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4 **WHEREAS** not having access to affordable and quality healthcare is a barrier to a better quality
5 of life, and

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7 **WHEREAS** there is an economic impact to everyone when people do not have adequate health
8 insurance, (no dollar of care is not paid for), and

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10 **WHEREAS** the Affordable Care Act (ACA) removes barriers to better health through Medicaid
11 Expansion, improved coverage, and integrating health systems, and

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13 **WHEREAS** enrollment into Washington's Health benefit exchange is offering quality health
14 plans at affordable prices, and

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16 **WHEREAS** accountability for the ACA's success depends on local support and advocacy to
17 enroll people into the health exchange,

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19 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the 8th and 16th Legislative Districts Democrats
20 continue to support and advocate that all citizens enroll into healthcare plans by the end of 2014.

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22 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the State of Washington continue to support
23 the ACA and its health insurance exchange.

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26 *Adopted by the Benton County Democratic Convention April 12, 2014.*