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Resolution Affirming Support and Funding for Planned Parenthood Federation of America

1 WHEREAS Planned Parenthood provides women affordable access to life-saving tests that could
2 provide early detection of cancer, birth control so that women can make their own decisions
3 about family planning, treatment for sexually transmitted diseases, and abortion services;

4 WHEREAS there has been an ever-increasing move towards suppressing women's rights in
5 making their own decisions about family planning;

6 WHEREAS anti-choice state legislatures have been passing bills and governors signing into law
7 restrictions on women's access to legal abortion that was guaranteed by the Supreme Court in
8 the Roe v. Wade decision;

9 WHEREAS access to affordable birth control gives women flexibility in making decisions about
10 their education, employment, and family size;

11 WHEREAS access to affordable birth control is being significantly threatened by those claiming
12 denial of service is a freedom of religion issue;

13 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Washington State Democratic Party (WSDCC), reaffirm
14 that women are fully capable of making their own decisions about their reproductive health and
15 choosing whether and when to have a family;

16 THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we continue to support a woman's right to choose
17 and oppose such measures as fetal personhood amendments, requiring invasive and
18 unnecessary medical procedures prior to a woman receiving an abortion, requiring a woman to
19 meet privately with her doctor prior to receiving an abortion, imposing waiting periods before
20 an abortion may be performed, or other restrictions that make abortion so difficult that it
21 becomes de facto unavailable;

22 THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we recognize women are entitled, as equal
23 members of society, to make family planning decisions without encroachment from the
24 government, that we will provide support to ensure that all women have access to family
25 planning options, regardless of income, and that we will push back against those who try to take
26 these rights away from women.

27 THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that we fully support continued government funding of
28 Planned Parenthood;

29 *Submitted by Mimi Latta to the Benton County Democrats at the Democratic Convention, April*
30 *12, 2014*

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