

1 Resolution to Urging Washington State Democrats

2 to Endorse and Support Passage of I-735

3 **WHEREAS** the U.S. Supreme Court, in *Citizens United v. Federal Elections*
4 *Commission* (2010) and other decisions, has enunciated unprecedented
5 principles that corporations are entitled to political rights and privileges
6 tantamount to those of individual human beings, and that corporations'
7 use of money is a form of protected free speech;

8 **WHEREAS** those decisions, and *Citizens United* in particular, invalidated
9 campaign spending reform laws enacted by bipartisan majorities in
10 Congress and thereby unleashed an ever-increasing torrent of special
11 interest money into our political process;

12 **WHEREAS** poll after poll has established that the American public
13 supports overturning those serially misguided rulings, the continuation of
14 which poses an increasing threat to a democratic republic of, by, and for
15 the people;

16 **WHEREAS** the WSDCC voted to support the WAmend effort to obtain the
17 number of voters' signatures necessary to qualify Initiative 735 as an
18 initiative to the state legislature; and

19 **WHEREAS** Initiative 735 was certified by the Secretary of State to be
20 placed on the 2016 general election ballot;

21 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the WSDCC endorse and urge our
22 members to support passage of I-735 at the ballot November 8, 2016 and
23 urge our members to vote yes for I-735; and

24 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the WSDCC urge current
25 and future Washington State congressional delegations to abide by the
26 decision expressed in passage of I-735 at the ballot.

27 Submitted by Jackie Aase and Diane Jones, on behalf of WAmend, the
28 Washington Coalition to Amend the Constitution on March 26, 2016.
29 Considered by Resolutions Committee, April 20, 2016.

30 **Approved as Do Pass** by JCD Resolutions Committee, 4-23-16

31 Signed by Submitter(s): _____ Date: _____

32 Approved/Not approved at May 1 Convention/ JCD meeting

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36 Signature of Convention Secretary: _____ Date: _____

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