

*Note: The resolution was presented at the Jefferson County Democrats Membership Meeting of March 11, 2019. A resolution presented the same day without notice requires a two-thirds vote to pass. Vote: 14 in favor, 42 against. Claire Roney requested that her abstention be noted in the minutes. M/S/F (moved, seconded, failed).*

**Resolution Supporting The Caucus System to Allocate Delegates**

**WHEREAS** the Washington State Democratic Central Committee is scheduled to vote at its April meeting on the method to be used for allocating delegates to the Democratic National Convention;

**WHEREAS** political caucuses are a cornerstone of participatory democracy;

**WHEREAS** Washington State Democrats value and are strongly committed to the caucus process as evidenced by the unprecedented turnouts at the 2016 caucuses and subsequent increase in local Democratic Party membership;

**WHEREAS** provision of surrogate ballots allows all interested citizens the opportunity to have input regardless of conflicts in work schedule or other impediments to attending the caucus in person;

**WHEREAS** the procedures used for surrogate ballots are determined by the Washington State Central Committee; and

**WHEREAS** difficulty for Washington State Democrats to obtain surrogate ballots in 2016 was a function of inadequate procedures and education on such procedures;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Jefferson County Democrats strongly urge the Washington State Central Committee to vote to maintain the use of caucus results for allocating delegates to the Democratic National Convention; and

**THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Jefferson County Democrats urge the State Committee Representatives from Jefferson County to support the use of caucus results for allocating delegates to the Democratic National Convention;

**THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Jefferson County Democrats urge the Washington State Central Committee to develop improved procedures and an education program to make it easier for Washington State Democrats to acquire and cast surrogate ballots;

Submitted to the Jefferson County Democratic Committee on March 11, 2019 by Wilma Hackman, 360-385-3002. *WH*

Signed: *Wilma Hackman*