

## **Anti-Racism Resolution**

**WHEREAS**, every day we see instances of the police being called on people of color for just going about their daily lives; and

**WHEREAS**, an African American can be doing nothing wrong and still have police harass them; and

**WHEREAS**, having the police called on you for doing your job or using a public space can be humiliating and damaging to your reputation; and

**WHEREAS**, some municipalities around the country are starting to take action to deter these instances of the police being called for non-criminal activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oregon legislature has passed HB 3216, which would create a civil court option for the complainant to be awarded damages; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington State can be a leader on this issue and set an example for the nation that racism is not an excuse to call the police; and

**WHEREAS**, there is also an issue of police responding in an inappropriate manner in these instances; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the 1<sup>st</sup> District Democrats urge the legislature to introduce and pass legislation to allow an individual to seek civil action when any person knowingly causes a police officer to arrive at a location to contact another person with the intent to:

- (a) Infringe on the other person's rights under the Washington or United States Constitutions;
- (b) Unlawfully discriminate against the other person;
- (c) Cause the other person to feel harassed, humiliated or embarrassed;
- (d) Cause the other person to be expelled from a place in which the other person is lawfully located; or
- (e) Damage the other person's:
  - (A) Reputation or standing within the community; or
  - (B) Financial, economic, consumer or business prospects or interests

**THEREFORE, BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED** that such legislation also include county victim advocate programs providing assistance to the individual to seek civil action; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that legislation also be introduced that would include sanctions for police responding in an inappropriate manner to such calls, from retraining up to termination depending on severity; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution will be sent to the 1<sup>st</sup> Legislative District's Legislators, the Governor, and King and Snohomish County Councils.'

**THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the WA State Democrats Central Committee for Consideration at their next meeting

Resolution Proposed by Tyler Kelson, June 10, 2019

Recommended DO PASS by the 1<sup>st</sup> LD Issues Committee, July 2, 2019