

## **Resolution on Safe Operation of Malls during the Covid-19 Pandemic**

**WHEREAS**, the United States is still trying to get a handle on the Covid-19 pandemic with over 200,000 dead; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Inslee enacted a mandate on June 23, 2020 requiring facial coverings in public for Washington State; and

**WHEREAS**, the local shopping malls have not consistently enforced this mandate, making the people who are “anti-mask” feel emboldened to show up and make a scene; and

**WHEREAS**, individual stores have no authority to enforce the rules outside of their premises;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the First District Democrats urge Washington State lawmakers and Health Departments to update their guidance for malls; to remain open for the duration of the pandemic; facial covering requirements, per Governor Inslee’s mandate, will be enforced; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution will be sent to the First Legislative District’s legislators, the Governor of the state of Washington, the Washington State Department of Health, King and Snohomish County Departments of Health and the King and Snohomish County Councils; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution will be sent to the Snohomish County Democrats, King County Democrats, and Washington State Democrats for consideration at their next meeting.

Submitted by Tyler Kelson September 30, 2020

Recommend DO PASS October 1, 2020 by the 1<sup>st</sup> LD Democrats Issues Committee.