

Resolution to Stand in Solidarity with the LGBTQIA2S+ Community

WHEREAS the First Legislative District Democrats is home to a diverse community that includes many community members who identify as Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual, Two-Spirit and/or as other genders and/or sexual orientations (henceforth referred to as “LGBTQIA2S+community members”), who contribute to the progress, culture and success of our country, state, region and district; and

WHEREAS LGBTQIA2S+ community members continue to be a target of violence (including murder), harassment, and discrimination, with hate crimes against these communities increasing every year for the past 4 years across the United States; and

WHEREAS, legislation that seeks to reduce the rights of these community members has been introduced across the United States at record amounts in 2023, prompting the Human Rights Campaign to declare a State of Emergency; and

WHEREAS, extremist groups that seek to reduce the rights of LGBTQIA2S+ community members and limit or ban inclusive teaching about their rights, their lives and their culture are active in both Washington State in general and in the First Legislative District specifically; and

WHEREAS, the current national platform of the Democratic Party is clear in its support for equality for LGBTQIA2S+ community members and states commitment to ending violence, bullying, and discrimination, against LGBTQIA2S+ community members and to ensuring that they are treated with dignity and respect in their communities, their workplaces, and their schools; and

WHEREAS, the current Washington State Democratic party platform is clear in its opposition to any discrimination against members of these communities and that the right of an individual to practice their religion does not extend to the denial of the constitutional rights of others.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the First Legislative District Democrats affirm the full civil and human rights of our LGBTQIA2S+ community members; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we will work to ensure discriminatory or exclusionary terms and phrases regarding gender identification and/or sexual orientation are corrected both in speech during our meetings and in written form in our documentation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we condemn all violence and hatred against LGBTQIA2S+ people, spaces, businesses, events, and/or art; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we stand in opposition to any and all legislation that erodes the safety, health, civil rights, and/or bodily autonomy of LGBTQIA2S+ people, including minors; and call upon all elected officials and candidates for office endorsed by the First Legislative District to also oppose such legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the First Legislative District Democrats shall only endorse candidates that support the safety, health, civil rights, and/or bodily autonomy of LGBTQIA2S+ community members, including minors - and who commit to not reducing this support in the context of “religious freedom” arguments.

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Recommended Do Pass to General Membership, Dec. 7, 2023.
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References:

1st LD solidarity Resolution example

- Preamble: <https://1stliddems.org/blog/new-resolution-api-solidarity/>
- Resolution: <https://1stliddems.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/API-solidarity-resolution.pdf>

Democratic District/ State resolutions/statements in support of LGBTQIA2S+ Community

- [SDDP Passes Resolution to Support LGBTQ+ and Two-Spirit Communities in South Dakota](#)
- <https://www.carrboronc.gov/DocumentCenter/View/12364/Resolution-in-Solidarity-with-The-Carrboro-LGBTQ-Community-2023>
- <https://sonomademocrats.org/2023-06-sonoma-county-democratic-party-statement-in-solidarity-with-the-lgbtqia-community/>

National and State Platforms - with references to LGBTQIA+ support

- <https://democrats.org/who-we-are/who-we-serve/lgbtq-community/>
- <https://www.wa-democrats.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/2022-Washington-State-Democrats-Platform-Passed-6-25-2022.pdf>
- <https://www.yda.org/platform>

Eastside Pride Proclamations with Cities

- <https://www.ci.woodinville.wa.us/DocumentCenter/View/1885/05-16-2023-Pride-Month-June-2023-Proclamation-PDF>
- <https://www.kirklandwa.gov/Government/City-Council/Proclamations/2023-Proclamations/Pride-Month-Proclamation>
- <https://kenmore.civicweb.net/FileStorage/0FFFFDC66E847718BD58F4C31E00331-Pride%20Month%20Proclamation%202023.pdf>
- <https://www.bothellwa.gov/DocumentCenter/View/18466/06062023-Pride-Month?bidId=>

Other Relevant Resolutions

- <https://www.rabbinicalassembly.org/story/resolution-solidarity-international-lgbt-community>
- <https://www.pflugervilletx.gov/home/showpublisheddocument/9960/637824207207800000>
- [https://go.boarddocs.com/vt/burlingtonvt/Board.nsf/files/CPRQLY66D770/\\$file/03.03.23%20Supporting%20LGBTQIA%2B%20Community%20Members%20and%20Condemning%20Transphobia%20\(002\).pdf](https://go.boarddocs.com/vt/burlingtonvt/Board.nsf/files/CPRQLY66D770/$file/03.03.23%20Supporting%20LGBTQIA%2B%20Community%20Members%20and%20Condemning%20Transphobia%20(002).pdf)

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2023/aug/31/canada-travel-warning-lgbtq-residents-us>