Resolution in Opposition to
U.S. Visa and Green Card Holders Denied Entry to
the United States on the Basis of their Country of Origin

WHEREAS the Executive Order signed by President Trump on January 27, 2017, has banned travel from seven countries based solely on the fact of having a Muslim majority;

WHEREAS the practical result of this Executive Order is to ban all refugees for a period of 90 days and all Syrian refugees for a period of 120 days;

WHEREAS legal permanent residents and green card holders are being illegally being detained at airports and denied entrance to the United States;

WHEREAS persons seeking asylum and refugee status whom have gone through proper US and international procedure and law have been denied refugee status;

WHEREAS the denial of entry to the US can mean certain death of refugees if they are forced back to their home countries;

WHEREAS the rejection of refugees to the United States in the 1930s and 1940s, resulted in the death of hundreds of religious minorities;

WHEREAS Governor Jay Inslee has publically stated that the State of Washington will support and welcome Syrian refugees; and

WHEREAS the WSDCC Platform for 2016 declares opposition to “Policies that exclude or demean immigrants based on religion or country of origin”;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Washington State Democratic Central Committee, call for the State Legislature to immediately pass legislation expressing support for the admittance of refugees who have obtained legal permission and face threats to their lives if forced to return to their countries of origin and not enter the United States;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we request that our elected representatives to enact legislation condemning the Executive Order, signed by President Donald Trump on January 27, 2017; and
THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that we urge the State Legislature to enact legislation pursuant to the sovereignty granted in the United States Constitution allowing for refugees to peacefully reside within and emigrate to the State of Washington.

Submitted by fifty State Committee members on 1/28/2017.

The Washington State Democrats passed this resolution on 1/28/2017.