**Resolution Concerning I-1491  
Extreme Risk Protection Orders**

**Whereas**, gun injuries and deaths in Washington State are a significant public health problem with approximately 600 people killed by guns each year over the past decade, and in 2010 more people in Washington State died by guns (554); and,

**Whereas**, a majority of mass shooters over 20 years have shown signs of serious crisis prior to taking fatal action and nearly 80% of those attempting suicide make their intentions known before an attempt; and,

**Whereas**, family members, household members and law enforcement officers are often in the best position to see early warning signs of dangerous, violent and threatening behavior; and,

**Whereas**, current the WSDCC platform supports “the stringent enforcement of laws regulating the purchase and ownership of firearms, while respecting the rights of responsible gun owners;” and,

**Whereas** Initiative 1491 is modeled on successful laws around the country and based on the well-established Washington State system of protection in order to fill gaps in the system that allow people experiencing crisis or demonstrating violent behavior to possess and purchase firearms; and,

**Whereas,** Initiative 1491 is an initiative to the people in Washington State that would create Extreme Risk Protection Orders, which will allow families and law enforcement to petition a court to temporarily suspend a person’s access to firearms if there is documented evidence that an individual is threatening harm to themselves or others because of dangerous mental illness or at high risk of violent behavior; and,

**Therefore Be it Resolved** that the 46th District Democrats supports the signature-gathering efforts for Initiative 1491 to qualify for the November 2016 ballot, which would create Extreme Risk Protection Orders, allowing family members and law enforcement to petition a court to remove firearms from individuals who present a serious danger to themselves or to others.

*Recommended Do Pass by the 46th District Democrats Platform & Resolutions Committee for the April 17th District Caucus.*

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