

1 **Resolution For Equal Rights, Health And Safety of Farmworkers**

2 WHEREAS Agricultural workers provide an indispensable service, yet their jobs are some of
3 the most dangerous and least adequately compensated;

4 WHEREAS the laws of the United States and Washington State continue to specifically
5 exempt farm workers from rights provided to other workers including those in the National
6 Labor Relations Act;

7 WHEREAS the pay, conditions and treatment of many farmworkers and their children
8 continues to be substandard;

9 WHEREAS farmworkers are and will continue to be an important part of the food economy
10 of the nation, state, and region in which they live and work and should be respected as such
11 and treated with dignity and fairness;

12 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, The Whatcom County Democrats, urge our elected
13 federal and state officials to pursue changes that will ensure the full equality of farmworkers in
14 wages, including the piece wage rate, benefits, legal unionization, working conditions, living
15 conditions, government assistance programs, and protection from workplace retaliation;
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17 THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that immediately and during the process of these
18 important legislative changes, that federal, state and local authorities and agencies ensure state
19 funding for the enforcement of healthy and safe conditions for farmworkers;

20 THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, The Whatcom County Democrats,
21 urge our elected officials to strengthen the child labor laws for those in agriculture to
22 protect the children of farmworkers;

23 THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we, The Whatcom County Democrats, urge
24 our elected officials to pursue laws that improve the health and safety working conditions as
25 well as the safe and sanitary living condition of farmworkers including, but not limited to,
26 strengthening the laws to protect farm workers from pesticide exposure and heat exposure.

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28 Adopted by Whatcom County Democrats at their July 21, 2016, monthly meeting of the
29 membership