I-1776 Resolution — Washington Anti-Discrimination Act (WADA)

**Whereas,** Initiative 1000 (I-1000) – Washington’s Initiative to the Legislature, was signed by nearly 400,000 voters, voted into law by the Washington State Legislature and came just 1% away from passage by the voters last November; and

**Whereas,** I-1000 has been reintroduced as **Initiative 1776 (I-1776)** to the People and filed with the WA Secretary of State as the Washington Anti-Discrimination Act (WADA); and

**Whereas, I-1776** finds that, while Washington is one of America’s most economically and ethnically diverse states, seniors, women, the disabled, veterans, the LGBTQ+ community & people of color have experienced harsh discrimination, thus creating deadly health disparities; and

**Whereas, I-1776** finds that the COVID-19 pandemic has unmasked the discriminatory educational, employment, economic & health disparities which have long plagued seniors, women, persons with disabilities, persons of color, military veterans, the LGBTQ+ community and other vulnerable communities in WA State; and

**Whereas, I-1776** is America’s only initiative demanding COVID-19 vaccines for all Washingtonians by prohibiting discrimination in the vaccine’s availability and accessibility based on age, race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, citizenship, county, income or employment; and

**Whereas, I-1776** prohibits age discrimination in public jobs, schools and contracting and thus enables workers to be judged by their abilities and not their age; and

**Whereas, I-1776** prohibits gender discrimination and helps our state colleges and universities increase the number of women pursuing degrees in the lucrative fields of science, technology, engineering, art and math (STEAM); and

**Whereas, I-1776** strengthens veteran’s benefits by expanding Affirmative Action in employment beyond the Vietnam-era and disabled veterans to include all Veterans; and

**Whereas, I-1776** helps small businesses compete for $3.5 billion in state contracting opportunities which state officials reported were unfairly denied to qualified small, women and minority businesses since the passage of Tim Eyman’s Initiative 200 22 years ago;

**Therefore, be it Resolved** that the 32nd LD Democrats endorse **I-1776** as “do sign and vote yes”, to strengthen WA State’s discrimination statutes to protect individuals in public health, education, employment and contracting; and

**Therefore, be it Further Resolved,** that the 32nd LD Democrats urge the Washington State Democrats, and all of the County Democratic Central Committees to support the signature gathering and passage of **I-1776** ; and

**Therefore, be it Finally Resolved,** that copies of this resolution be sent to local news outlets and to the **I-1776** campaign.

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