

2016 THURSTON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC RESOLUTIONS

3. A Primary and Caucus to Select Delegates for Nominating Presidential Candidates

(Adopted May 23, 2016)

WHEREAS the right of the people to select their candidates for elected offices is paramount and the people require a fair proportional distribution of delegates for presidential candidates;

WHEREAS the caucus system does not allow participation of more than a small minority of Washington Democratic voters and the people must trust the fairness and integrity of the delegate selection process;

WHEREAS the implementation of a Primary-Caucus process will be lengthy and complex with issues such as timing, funding, and procedural changes that must be worked at both state and local levels;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a state administered primary shall determine the proportional representation of delegates for the Democratic Presidential nominating conventions and, thereafter, a caucus system will be used to select the delegates for each candidate; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a work group will be convened within one year incorporating members drawn from diverse ranks of the Democratic Party and with the goal of implementing the new Primary-Caucus system for the 2020 Presidential election.