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6. Recognizing the Contributions of American Muslims to Our Nation and Affirming Their Constitutional Rights and Freedoms

(Adopted June 27, 2016)

WHEREAS religious freedom is guaranteed to all Americans by the Constitution and laws of the U.S.; a diversity of religious beliefs, traditions, and heritages bring strength to our country; and American Muslims affirm the right and freedom of all U.S. citizens to live and worship in their own way;

WHEREAS according to the U.S. Dept. of Defense, over 10,000 American Muslims serve in our nation's armed forces, and American Muslims, number among the thousands of U.S. military personnel who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country, including those serving in combat missions over the past 15 years;

WHEREAS our nation benefits from the estimated 50,000 American Muslim medical doctors nationwide who provide compassionate care, humanitarian services and save American lives;

WHEREAS never before in our nation's history have anti-Muslim hate crimes been as high in number or in severity as in 2015, when American Muslim civil rights organizations received on average at least one daily report of hate crimes targeting an American Muslim or someone perceived as Muslim;

WHEREAS in times like these, fair minded leaders across our nation have a duty to publicly and vocally affirm American values of religious freedom, and publicly and vocally tell stories of the lives and contributions of American Muslims they have encountered;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Thurston County Democrats reaffirm their long standing support for religious freedom;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Thurston County Democrats stand strongly for the ideal that American Muslims deserve the same opportunities as all Americans to build better futures for their families and children; and

THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Thurston County Democrats condemn any legislation or statements that run contrary to this ideal.