

1 **Proposed Resolution Supporting SB 5204, Creating the Whole**  
2 **Washington Trust**

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4 **WHEREAS** the health care crisis has deepened during the pandemic, especially for people  
5 who have lost their jobs and for people in low-income communities; and  
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7 **WHEREAS** the 2020 Washington State Democratic platform states that “Health care is a  
8 basic human right,” and calls for a “universal single payer healthcare system for Washington  
9 residents, regardless of immigration status, until such time as a single-payer system is  
10 enacted nationally;” and  
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12 **WHEREAS** Washington Senate Bill 5204 (2021) will create the whole Washington health  
13 trust, a single non-profit, health financing entity that would ensure all Washington residents  
14 can enroll in “nonprofit health insurance coverage providing an essential set of health  
15 benefits, including medical, dental, vision, and prescription drug benefits;” and  
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17 **WHEREAS** the whole Washington health trust will simplify health financing, eliminate  
18 administrative waste, and promote a responsive health care system; and  
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20 **WHEREAS** SB 5204 would eliminate the burden of current high premiums, deductibles, and,  
21 with modest exceptions, copayments.  
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23 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Jefferson County Democrats call on Representative  
24 Steve Tharinger, Representative Mike Chapman, and Senator Kevin Van De Wege to support  
25 passage of SB 5204, creating the Whole Washington Health Trust.  
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27 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Jefferson County Democrats will send  
28 this resolution to our legislators, the Washington State Democratic Central Committee, the  
29 Leader, and the Peninsula Daily News.  
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