

**Washington County Democratic Central Committee**

**Resolution: Civil Debate and Respect for the President of the United States**

WHEREAS: We fully support the rule of law and view the Office of President of the United States as deserving of respect, even when one differs with the views and policies of the President;

WHEREAS: We fundamentally agree with the concept of open debate and discussion of different points of views without name-calling, racial characterization, threats of violent retaliation, or personal vituperation;

WHEREAS: Some political movements, such as Tea Party, and some party members and leaders have allowed, and in some cases, encouraged disregard for the rule of law as well as the use of racial slurs, misrepresentations, thinly veiled threats of violence, invidious comparisons to fascists and terrorists, and false accusations against President Obama, members of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and Democrats in general;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE THAT:

1. We call upon all political parties, formal and informal, to join us in denouncing and renouncing the use of racial slurs, terrorist references, physical attacks, and calls for armed violence or resistance, in order to express their disagreements with duly-elected government officials;
2. We call upon all political parties, formal and informal, to join us in supporting the rule of law, in refraining from threats of physical violence, and in showing respect for the Office of the President of the United States;
3. We call upon all political parties and movements, formal and informal, to support transparency in government, to engage in serious civil debate regarding governmental policies, and to work constructively to create forward-looking solutions that benefit the people of the United States of America without deepening the destructive divisions between us;
4. This Resolution be publicized in the general media and that it also be sent directly to appropriate representatives of all political parties registered with the State of Oregon.

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