

## **Resolution to Reject I-1000**

**WHEREAS** the Washington State Republican Party (WSRP) supports, without exception, fair treatment and equal opportunity for every individual in our diverse society and believes that as a basic principle, we shall not judge people by the color of their skin or any other physical attribute, but by the content of their character; and

**WHEREAS** Initiative 200, the Washington State Civil Rights Initiative, which prohibited public institutions from discriminating or granting preferential treatment based on race, sex, color, ethnicity, or national origin, was passed in 1998 with nearly 59% of the vote of the people; and

**WHEREAS** Initiative 1000, legislation passed by Democrats during the final hours of the 2019 Legislative Session, repealed voter-approved I-200 and reinstated the practice of discrimination; and

**WHEREAS** I-1000 uses race, gender, and ethnicity to divide our society, and pits people against each other; and

**WHEREAS** the Democrats in the Washington State Legislature refused to allow the people of the state to vote on this important issue; and

**WHEREAS** citizens of Washington State immediately filed a referendum to allow the people of the state to vote on this piece of legislation (R 88) and gathered enough signatures to qualify R 88 for the ballot on November 5, 2019;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the WSRP hereby opposes the action taken by Washington State Democrats when they voted for Initiative 1000 to bring back preferential treatment based on physical attributes; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the WSRP asks all citizens in the state to find R-88 on their ballot and vote "REJECTED" to voice their objection to Initiative 1000 and the attempt to reinstate the policy of discrimination; and

**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the WSRP urges all Republicans and Republican organizations to provide information that will help voters in their areas understand that they must vote against discrimination by voting REJECTED on I-1000.