

USA 'PATRIOT' Act Resolution

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3 **WHEREAS**, The State of Washington recognizes the Constitution of the United
4 States of America as our charter of liberty, and that the Bill of Rights enshrines the
5 fundamental and inalienable rights of Americans, including the freedoms of
6 religion, speech, assembly, and
7 privacy; and
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9 **WHEREAS**, The State of Washington has a distinguished history of safeguarding
10 the freedoms of its residents; and
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12 **WHEREAS**, Each of Washington's duly elected public servants has sworn to defend
13 and uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of
14 Washington; and
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16 **WHEREAS**, The State of Washington denounces and condemns all acts of terrorism,
17 wherever occurring; and
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19 **WHEREAS**, Any new security measures of federal, state, and local governments
20 should be carefully designed and employed to enhance public safety without
21 infringing on the civil liberties and rights of innocent persons in the State of
22 Washington and the nation; and
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24 **WHEREAS**, Certain provisions of the Uniting and Strengthening America by
25 Providing Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism Act, also
26 known as the U.S.A. PATRIOT Act, allow the government greater authority to
27 detain and investigate persons and to engage in surveillance activities that may
28 violate or offend the rights and liberties guaranteed by our federal and state
29 constitutions, including rights of due process, the right to privacy, the right to
30 counsel, protection against unreasonable searches and seizures, and basic First
31 Amendment freedoms; and
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33 **WHEREAS**, The people of Washington are concerned that many provisions of the
34 U.S.A. PATRIOT Act, pose significant threats to constitutional protections;
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36 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the people of the State of Washington that the
37 Senate and the Assembly of the State of Washington are hereby directed to, jointly,
38 enact appropriate and effective measures by the State of Washington to combat
39 terrorism and affirm its commitment that the campaign not be waged at the expense
40 of essential civil rights and liberties of citizens of this country contained in the
41 United States Constitution and the Bills of Rights; and
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43 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the State of Washington also

44 urges its Congressional delegation to work to repeal any provisions of the U.S.A.
45 PATRIOT Act that limit or impinge on rights and liberties protected equally by the
46 United States Constitution and the Washington Constitution and to oppose any
47 pending and future federal legislation to the extent that it would infringe on
48 Americans' civil
49 rights and liberties; and
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51 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the State of Washington will
52 ensure that no state resources be provided for any action that would violate the
53 United States Constitution, or the Constitution of the State of Washington, including
54 but not limited to, all of the following:
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56 (1) Collecting or maintaining information about the political, religious, or social
57 views, associations, or activities of any
58 individual, group, association, organization, corporation, business, or partnership,
59 unless the information directly relates to an
60 investigation of criminal activities and there are reasonable grounds to suspect the
61 subject of the information is or may be involved in
62 criminal conduct.
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64 (2) Recording, filing or sharing intelligence information concerning a person or
65 organization, including library lending and
66 research records, book and video store sales and rental records, medical records,
67 financial records, student records, and other
68 personal data, even if authorized under the U.S.A. PATRIOT Act.
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70 (3) Demanding nonconsensual releases of student and faculty records from public
71 schools and institutions of higher learning.
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73 (4) Eavesdropping on confidential communications between lawyers and their
74 clients.
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76 (5) Engaging in racial profiling that enables law enforcement agencies to use race,
77 religion, ethnicity, or national origin as
78 factors in selecting individuals to be subject to investigational activities, except when
79 seeking to apprehend a specific suspect whose
80 race, religion, ethnicity, or national origin is part of the description of the suspect;
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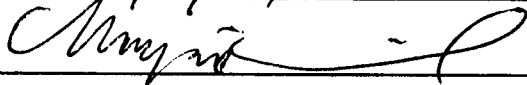
83 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Secretary of the Senate shall
84 transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United
85 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the
86 Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from Washington State in the

87 Congress, the Attorney General of the United States, and to all federal and state law
88 enforcement agencies.
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