

**Resolution for Democratic Caucus for Friday
Harbor Grange
To be Submitted on International Workers' Day, 1
May 2016**

With governance of, by and for the people, the State has a compelling interest to protect and enhance health and wellbeing.

Be it resolved that:

- 1) Warning signage be posted at all facilities where religious belief takes precedence over best medical practice, true for near fifty percent of Washington State hospitals that operate under Ethical and Religious Directives, ERDs.
- 2) End public subsidies like property tax levies, tax abatement and charitable donations to facilities that allocate service based on religious preference.
- 3) When such organizations amend or rescind policies that prevent, for instance, death with dignity, reproductive or LGBTQ care, public tax monies may again be used to support them.
- 4) During the interim, as Bellingham considered, tax such organizations at normal business rates for goods and services to allay additional burdens imposed on clients and the public treasury when care is delayed or denied.
- 5) With separation of Church and State breached, actual harm may occur to individuals

prevented from acting as conscience dictates and
the State must act.

Respectfully,
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Additional signatures in Support of:
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