

**Resolution to the Washington State Legislature for a Bill Supporting the Sisterhood of
the State of Washington and the Indian State of Punjab**

1. **Whereas** Punjab, in the northwestern section of India, is very similar to the State of
2. Washington in that it is a major grower of wheat, the people have a wonderful cultural
3. history and are known for their technical and business accomplishments; and
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5. **Whereas** Punjabis contribute extensively to the Washington State economy, first arriving
6. in Whatcom County in 1904, Punjabis raise over \$300 million in berry crops, and many
7. have become educators, entrepreneurs, doctors, and other professionals in communities
8. throughout our state; and
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10. **Whereas** Punjabis have become citizens who vote and give back to their respective
11. communities--including more than 6000 registered voters in King County alone, some
12. involved in party politics; and
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14. **Whereas** The state of Washington has many industries and businesses that will share in
15. the fruits of a sister-state relationship, in fields such as education, technology,
16. aerospace, and the growing Washington wine industry,
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18. **Therefore** be it resolved that the Whatcom County Democrats request that the
19. Washington State Legislature draft and pass a combined bill in the House and Senate to
20. support the sisterhood of the two states and foster the sharing of agricultural,
21. technological, educational, and cultural relationships.