

ADEQUATE, AFFORDABLE AND SAFE LIVING AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR MIGRANT WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES

WHEREAS the United Nations recognizes that both lawfully documented and undocumented migrants have the same needs for life sustaining, adequate, affordable and safe living and working conditions the use of the word migrant in this resolution pertains to both lawfully documented and undocumented migrants. 1

WHEREAS the United States of America is a nation built through the labor and contributions of migrant workers who constantly endure economic hardships and have been systematically discriminated against. 2

WHEREAS all migrant workers must be guaranteed judicial protection of their personal, social, cultural, and political rights. 2

WHEREAS the majority of all migrant workers are women who often face sexual harassment, rape, and extreme verbal abuse. 2

WHEREAS migrant workers Lack job security with very little hope of improving their lives and are considered social outcasts. 2

WHEREAS migrant workers and their families, throughout the world and in Washington state, are not always provided decent healthcare, adequate social services, and good quality education. 2, 3

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Skagit County Democratic Party supports all migrant workers in Skagit County and elsewhere in the world; all of the essential, humane rights inherent to a population that seeks to promote the general welfare for all people:

- Fair wages; and
- Safe and standard conditions for assigned jobs and work places; and
- Access to emergency assistance while on the job; and
- work environments where migrant workers are assured that there will be no harassment by their employer; and
- Access to safe, affordable housing; and
- Access to decent health care; and
- Access to work related travel and clothing allowance reimbursements; and
- Access to quality education for family members and others who are in the company of the workers.

THEREFORE BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that Skagit County Democratic Party supports all migrant workers in Skagit County and elsewhere in the world:

- To have the right to voice their concerns about all of the above bullet point items, without fear of repercussions; and
- To have the right to a safe process to submit grievances when their rights are challenged by their employers.

Attributes:

1. www.unesco.org/new/en/social-and-human-sciences/themes/international-migration/glossary/migrant
2. www.unesdoc.org/images/0014/001435/143557e/
3. Skagit County Herald October 9, 2017

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Signature

