

SOB 2011-02

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 1 AND THE HOME RULE CHARTER IN YAKIMA

WHEREAS: Proposition 1 in the City of Yakima will change the way Yakima’s City Council is elected by creating seven equal districts, so that each council member is elected by and accountable to the district in which they live, and

WHEREAS: A Home Rule Charter in Yakima County would allow the county’s voters to elect 15 “Freeholders” whose one-year task would be to draw-up a Charter – revising the current system, in which three county commissioners represent the entire county – and then putting it before the voters, and

WHEREAS: both of these measures would result in greater direct democracy and accountability, and

WHEREAS: AFT Washington is a labor union that supports efforts to enhance direct democracy and accountability, therefore be it

RESOLVED: that AFT Washington supports Proposition 1 in the City of Yakima and the Home Rule Charter in Yakima County, and be it further

RESOLVED: that AFT Washington will communicate our support for these two measures to our affiliated labor partners, community organizations, and elected officials.

Originally submitted by the Human Rights Committee and passed at the AFT Washington Executive Board meeting on July 29, 2011.