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1 **SONOMA COUNTY DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION** 2 **ON THE INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT**

3 **WHEREAS**, the nations of the world have established the International Criminal Court through
4 the Rome Statute, an international treaty, as an essential component in a stable international
5 order; and terrorism, genocide and crimes against humanity continue to shock the conscience
6 of the world; and no community can morally permit those responsible for genocide, crimes
7 against humanity, and war crimes to escape justice; an effective International Criminal Court will
8 likely deter the commission of these terrible crimes; and the International Criminal Court is
9 required by its Rome Statute to conform to the same standards of independence, impartiality
10 and fairness which are expected in competent domestic court systems; the International
11 Criminal Court as a permanent and separate body has powerful safeguards for its
12 independence and its freedom from political manipulation; and,

13 **WHEREAS**, the International Criminal Court Statute provides a meaningful and effective
14 framework to prosecute terrorists internationally; and on December 2003, Ambassador Bremer,
15 on behalf of the US Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA), approved and signed into law the
16 Statute of the Iraqi Special Tribunal whose section on international humanitarian law in the
17 tribunal's jurisprudence is taken verbatim from the Rome Statute; and,

18 **WHEREAS**, the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court has been ratified by 104
19 countries and signed by and additional 41 nations; and on July 1, 2002 the International
20 Criminal Court came into existence and is now fully established;

21 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Sonoma County Democratic Central Committee calls
22 upon the California State Democratic Party to urge the United States government to accede to
23 the convention creating the International Criminal Court; and,

24 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Sonoma County Democratic Central Committee
25 distribute copies of this resolution to Senators Feinstein and Boxer, Representatives Woolsey
26 and Thompson, and such media outlets as the Public Relations Committee may deem
27 appropriate; and to all other California county Democratic central committees and to the
28 California Democratic Party for consideration and support.

29 Sponsored by Thomas Gangale
30 Chair, Issues and Legislation Committee, Sonoma County Democratic Party

31 Adapted from the Alaska Bar Association, <http://amicc.org/docs/AlaskaBarAssn.pdf>

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