

Resolution on Global Climate Change

WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, including more than 2000 scientists world-wide in the largest peer-reviewed scientific collaboration in world history, is warning that the burning of fossil fuels and release of carbon dioxide into our atmosphere is significantly intensifying global warming; and

WHEREAS, rapid global warming is causing devastating ecological instability as temperature changes outpace the capacity of plant and animal species to adapt; and is contributing to instability in agricultural production, and to increasing breeding rates and ranges of insects and micro-organisms that cause human disease; and

WHEREAS, rapid global warming is accelerating the melting of glaciers and ice sheets world-wide at rates faster than predicted by scientists, as evidenced by the current break-up of the Greenland ice sheet, and creating conditions for more frequent and intense storms and rising sea levels threatening to endanger and displace hundreds of millions of people; and

WHEREAS, positive feedback loops, including forest fires caused by increased temperatures releasing additional carbon dioxide and thawing of tundra releasing methane (another potent greenhouse gas), have the potential to further increase rates of global climate change; and

WHEREAS, the Kyoto Protocol objectives are now insufficient to the magnitude of the growing climate crisis, and scientists warn that modest changes in greenhouse gas emissions in developed countries could be swamped by emissions by rapidly developing countries, recommending an urgent global greenhouse gas emissions reduction of 70%; and

WHEREAS, technologies already exist to begin a rapid decrease in carbon emissions through implementing conservation and energy efficiency measures, and building renewable energy infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, economies around the world could be revitalized and enhanced with high quality and meaningful jobs in developing, manufacturing, installing and maintaining renewable energy infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, responding to the global climate crisis would also result in achieving the energy independence increasingly promoted by both Democratic and Republican elected officials;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Our WA State Congressional Delegation is urged to actively oppose any Energy Appropriations Bills that do not include a massive and

44 urgent shift of subsidies from fossil fuels to energy conservation and efficiency, and to
45 renewable energy, including solar, wind, tidal, micro-hydro and non-GMO biomass
46 fuels; and
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48 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Our WA State Congressional Delegation
49 is urged to actively write, support and promote legislation to reduce U.S. carbon
50 emissions by 5% per year, first through implementing energy conservation and
51 efficiency measures, and then by building renewable energy infrastructure; and
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53 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Our WA State Congressional Delegation
54 is urged to write, support and promote legislation to implement a massive shift of
55 renewable energy technologies to the world's most rapidly growing economies
56 dependent on coal, especially India and China, and to countries that currently derive
57 their economic stability from fossil fuel production, especially countries of the Middle
58 East which are especially suited to solar energy development; and
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60 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Our WA State Congressional Delegation
61 is urged to write, support and promote legislation to implement solutions to global
62 warming in proportion to the magnitude of our energy crisis, such as supporting the
63 bipartisan H.R. 507³ Expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that the
64 United States, in collaboration with other international allies, should establish an energy
65 project with the magnitude, creativity, and sense of urgency that was incorporated in
66 the "Man on the Moon" project to address the inevitable challenges of "Peak Oil", and
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68 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED**, that the Senate and the Assembly of the
69 State of Washington are hereby directed to write and promote legislation for the
70 immediate implementation of a Washington State Greenhouse Gas Action Plan, taking
71 into account the practices and recommendations of other states which have already
72 implemented such a plan.
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