

Environmental Carcinogens

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3 **WHEREAS** science has shown that many chemicals and other hazardous waste
4 materials released into or left in the environment, in rivers and other water sources as
5 well as dumps long since buried and forgotten, are carcinogenic;

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7 **WHEREAS** these items have contaminated larger areas as the items deteriorate, and
8 runoff goes into the rivers, as with Hanford waste into the Columbia River, backing into
9 formerly pristine coastal bays; and

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11 **WHEREAS** the incidences of cancer and cancer related deaths have been shown to be
12 on the increase;

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14 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that more thorough research and sampling be done,
15 including checking health and death records of persons and families still living in these
16 areas and those who have left the area but still have contacts in said area, to get an
17 accurate determination of true numbers;

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19 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these areas be cleaned up and if the
20 source of contamination can be determined, that source shall be held responsible for the
21 cost of cleanup; and

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23 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic
24 Party encourages our Governor, our Senators, and our Representatives to create,
25 support, and enact such policies and legislation as needed to bring about this research
26 and cleanup.

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29 Submitted by the Pacific County Democrats to the Democratic Central Committee for
30 consideration at its June 14 convention in Spokane. (Date Submitted 4/28/2008)

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32 The Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDED
33 A PASS" at its May 31, 2008 meeting in Ellensburg.

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35 The Washington State Democratic Convention "PASSED" this resolution at its June 14,
36 2008 meeting in Spokane.