

## Resolution on Alternative Energy and Fuel Efficiency

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3 **WHEREAS**, the scarcity of crude oil on the world markets has caused wars and  
4 alarming increases in prices, which has caused economic hardships in all the countries  
5 and markets of the world; and

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7 **WHEREAS**, the petroleum-based economy contributes to global warming and other  
8 degradations of the environment; and

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10 **WHEREAS**, solar and wind energy can eventually replace the petroleum based  
11 economy and should be supported by government; and

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13 **WHEREAS**, increasing biofuels production will support our farmers and extraction  
14 facilities will support our businesses; and

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16 **WHEREAS**, hybrid vehicles and higher fuel efficiency standards can reduce our  
17 dependence on petroleum; and

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19 **WHEREAS**, the world is fast approaching peak oil supply; and

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21 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. consumes 20 million barrels of crude oil per day, 56 percent of  
22 which is imported;

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24 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Democratic Party supports  
25 policies that explore “alternative/green” fuel sources and increase fuel efficiency, with  
26 the goal of converting the United States to 100% renewable and environmentally clean  
27 energy sources in the shortest time possible.

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29 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Washington State Democratic  
30 Party believes the Kyoto Protocol must be accepted and followed by the United States.

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32 **THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we support the NRDCs campaign to  
33 move America beyond oil which includes incentives that will encourage American  
34 farmers to grow a new generation of biofuels made from plant materials and ensure  
35 that gas stations install pumps for these clean-burning fuels.

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38 Submitted by the delegates of the Chelan County Convention to the Washington State  
39 Democratic Party for consideration at its June 3, 2006 convention in Yakima (Date  
40 Submitted 04/08/2006)

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42 The Washington State Democratic Party at its State Convention on June 3, 2006 in  
43 Yakima referred this resolution to the WSDCC Resolutions Committee for review at its  
44 September 9 - 10, 2006 meeting in Ellensburg.

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46 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee recommended a "Pass" on this resolution at its  
47 September 10, 2006 meeting in Ellensburg. The resolution will be forwarded to the  
48 WSDCC at its next meeting on September 29 - 30, 2006 in Tacoma.

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50 The WSDCC passed this resolution at its September 30, 2006 meeting in Tacoma.