

Resolution to Prepare for Energy Decline

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3 **WHEREAS**, oil production in the U.S. peaked in 1970, Natural Gas production peaked
4 in 1974, and Global Oil production is forecast to peak between 2006 and 2015; and

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6 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. consumes 25% of the worlds current production of petroleum
7 while possessing only 2% of the world's remaining oil; and

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9 **WHEREAS**, there is no alternative energy source waiting in the background that can
10 replace depleting supplies of petroleum and natural gas; and

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12 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. population will continue to increase and our need and dependence
13 on energy will continue to increase;

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15 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that;

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17 1. The U.S. government immediately convene a commission to determine the long-
18 term carrying capacity of the country with the reduced availability of fossil fuels
19 and lack of availability of alternative energy infrastructure to match our present
20 consumption of energy.
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22 2. The U.S. government immediately institute nationwide programs to prepare
23 reduced energy availability; to include
24 a) Rehabilitation of the U.S. railway network.
25 b) Rehabilitation and expansion of mass transit in urban areas.
26 c) Re-localization of agricultural production throughout the country.
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28 3. The U.S. government immediately fund research, development and distribution
29 of renewable energy resources with a clear understanding of the energy return
30 on the energy invested (EROEI).
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33 Submitted by the Okanogan County Democrats to the Washington State Democratic
34 Party for consideration at its June 3, 2006 convention in Yakima (Date Submitted
35 04/08/2006)

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

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

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