

Resolution on I-912

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3 **WHEREAS**, the highway, bridge and auxiliary facilities of roads in the State of
4 Washington, are deteriorating and worsening daily, causing safety conditions to
5 become unnecessarily perilous with a high accident rate on many of the state roads;
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8 **WHEREAS**, major bridge repairs and widening and improvements are not just
9 needed, but imperative, for disaster preparedness resulting from natural and man-
10 made hazards if the highways are to serve the many needs of state residents and to,
11 also, attract visitors to the many recreational areas and parks in our beautiful
12 mountains, lakes, rivers and seas; and

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14 **WHEREAS**, in order to enhance the quality of life and encourage community
15 development for job creation, other supplemental facilities such as bike paths and
16 sidewalks assist in alleviating road congestion and in reducing pollution; and

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18 **WHEREAS**, contractors for highway work will not provide this needed work
19 without ample payment, and as stated by the budget office, the legislature and the
20 Governor of the state, funds do not exist to pay for the additional essential
21 construction; and

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23 **WHEREAS**, the Vehicle Fuel Transportation Act as passed this year included an
24 increase in the gas tax of three cents per gallon this year, an additional three cents in
25 the year 2006, and added two cents in 2007, and one and one half cents in 2008 to
26 provide the required monies; but

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28 **WHEREAS**, an initiative is underway to overturn this Act that would eliminate the
29 provision of these funds; therefore

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31 **BE IT RESOLVED**, that the WSDCC does hereby encourage all residents of the State
32 of Washington to VOTE NO on Initiative 912 so that these desperately needed gas
33 tax revenues can be utilized for state and community development to provide the
34 infrastructure for transportation safety and economic development for a secure and
35 stable state and region.

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37 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that all Washington state elected officials and Party
38 members vigorously campaign in support of the gas tax through community forums
39 and educational sessions.
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42 Submitted to the WSDCC for consideration at its September 17, 2005 meeting in
43 Everett by the Clallam County Democratic Central Committee and the Clallam
44 County Democratic Club (7/23/2005)

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46 Referred to the WSDCC with a recommendation of "Pass" by the Resolutions
47 Committee at its September 17, 2005 meeting in Everett.

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49 Passed by the WSDCC at its September 17, 2005 meeting in Everett.