

## Resolution to Stop the War on Hanford Cleanup Workers

1 **WHEREAS** the Hanford Atomic Metal Trades Council (HAMTC) was chartered on June 23,  
2 1947 to represent the maintenance, operations, fabrication, and laboratory workers on the  
3 Hanford Project in support of the newly created Atomic Energy Commission and decades later  
4 the United States Department of Energy; and  
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6 **WHEREAS** HAMTC represented employees who faithfully operated and maintained Hanford's  
7 numerous facilities in support of nuclear weapons production during World War II, the Cold  
8 War, and now the massive environmental cleanup presently underway on the Hanford Project;  
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11 **WHEREAS** in performance of their jobs in support of the United States Federal Government  
12 massive clean-up efforts of America's nuclear legacy, HAMTC represented workers have been  
13 and continue to be exposed to some of the most dangerous and hazardous substances on Earth;  
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16 **WHEREAS** the current Hanford contractors, in a collaborative effort with the United States  
17 Department of Energy, are engaged in a deliberate and malicious attempt to reduce, eliminate,  
18 modify, erode and undermine the wages, hours of work, benefits and working conditions of  
19 HAMTC represented employees; and  
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21 **WHEREAS** any reduction, elimination, modification, erosion, and undermining of, such wages,  
22 hours of work, benefits and/or working conditions will most assuredly have serious negative  
23 economic impacts to the entire Mid-Columbia region including but not limited to, the numerous  
24 small businesses located in and around the Washington State cities of Kennewick, Pasco,  
25 Richland, West Richland, Burbank, Finley, Benton City, Kiona, Prosser, Grandview, Sunnyside,  
26 Yakima and Selah; now  
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28 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats extend our solidarity  
29 to the Hanford Atomic Metal Trades Council and hereby denounce the collusive attempts  
30 demonstrated by the Hanford Contractors and the United States Department of Energy against  
31 the Hanford Atomic Metal Trades Council and its represented workforce; and  
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33 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee also  
34 extend their support of solidarity to the Hanford Atomic Metal Trades Council and hereby  
35 denounce the collusive attempts demonstrated by the Hanford Contractors and the United  
36 States Department of Energy against the Hanford Atomic Metal Trades Council and its  
37 represented workforce; and  
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39 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Central Committee will  
40 do everything in their power to persuade the United States Department of Energy to cease and  
41 desist in their collusion with the Hanford Contractors and compel the Hanford Contractors to  
42 negotiate a fair and equitable contract with the Hanford Atomic Metal Trades Council.  
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45 Submitted by the Benton County Democrats and the 04<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Democrats to the  
46 Washington State Democratic Central Committee for consideration at its April 27, 2013 meeting.  
47 (Submitted 4/19/2013).

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49 The WSDCC Resolutions Committee "AMENDED THIS RESOLUTION AND RECOMMENDED A  
50 PASS" at its April 27, 2013 meeting in Chelan.

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52 The WSDCC "PASSED" this resolution at its April 27, 2013 meeting in Chelan.