

1           **Resolution in Support of Placing a Price on Carbon within**  
2   **Washington State**

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4   **WHEREAS** fossil fuels contribute to approximately 85 % of carbon dioxide emissions in  
5 Washington State and will continue to impact its economy and public health;

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7   **WHEREAS** the current price of fossil fuels does not adequately incorporate externalities  
8 of their consumption (for example, their deleterious impact on climate and human  
9 health);

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11   **WHEREAS** 40 countries and 20 sub-national jurisdictions have already committed to  
12 carbon pricing, and Washington could lead the U.S. through enacting the first state-  
13 level carbon tax;

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15   **WHEREAS** fossil fuel companies now appear to favor transparent, market-driven  
16 carbon pricing policies (as opposed to regulations) as a tool to curb emissions and  
17 enable a just transition to cleaner energy;

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19   **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democrats urge their  
20 elected officials to encourage, promote, propose, and pass legislation placing a price on  
21 carbon usage within Washington State;

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23   **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Democratic Party at all levels  
24 commit to holding Washington State members of Congress accountable for abiding by  
25 the clear demands of their constituents to address the climate change crisis.  
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28 Submitted by the 8th Legislative District and Benton County Democrats.

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30 The Platform Committee recommended that this resolution be passed at their June 17,  
31 2016 meeting.

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33 The 2016 Washington State Democratic Convention passed this resolution on June 18,  
34 2016.  
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