

## Requiring Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Program For WA State

**WHEREAS** the climate crisis requires bold action to reduce carbon emissions;

**WHEREAS** gasoline is the single largest source of carbon emissions in Washington State;

**WHEREAS** the electricity that powers electric vehicles in Washington State is overwhelmingly produced by renewable energy;

**WHEREAS** electric vehicles do not emit carbon or other pollutants nor leak motor oil onto roads, soils, or waterways; thereby reducing risk to human health, threats to the survival of wildlife and the environment;

**WHEREAS** the cost of electric vehicles is at or in approximate parity with comparable gasoline-powered vehicles on a lifetime cost-of-ownership basis;

**WHEREAS** ten states have adopted the Zero Emissions Vehicle (ZEV) program first developed in California: California, Oregon, New York, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut, Maryland, Rhode Island, Vermont and Maine, with the State of Colorado poised to adopting it as well;

**WHEREAS** the ZEV program requires that 2.5% of each automaker’s vehicles sold in those states participating be electric by 2019, rising to approximately 8% by 2025;

**WHEREAS** Washington State has failed as yet to pass ZEV mandates and must act quickly to make effective change ;and

**WHEREAS** the ZEV program has already resulted in a greater availability and variety of electric vehicles, more consumer choice, and lower prices, in the states that have adopted it;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Washington State Democratic Party Central Committee urges the Washington State Legislature to promptly enact legislation to adopt the ZEV program; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution, when adopted, be sent promptly to Governor Jay Inslee and to each of our State Senators and Representatives.

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1 Submitted by the WSDCC Environmental Caucus to the Washington State Democratic  
2 Central Committee for its consideration at its September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2019 meeting in Yakima  
3 (Date Submitted: September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019)

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5 This Resolution was **PASSED** by the WSDCC on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020

<https://www.ipcc.ch/2018/10/08/summary-for-policymakers-of-ipcc-special-report-on-global-warming-of-1-5c-approved-by-governments/>

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