

1 **Resolution in Support of Passing Initiative 732 and**
2 **Post-Election Follow-up**

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4 **WHEREAS** fossil fuels contribute to approximately 85 percent of carbon dioxide emissions
5 in Washington state, and will continue impact our economy and our public health; and
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7 **WHEREAS** the current price of fossil fuels does not adequately incorporate externalities of
8 their consumption, and
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10 **WHEREAS** carbon emissions remain a contributor to climate change which threatens
11 stability and development at all levels of government, and
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13 **WHEREAS** forty countries and 20 subnational jurisdictions have already committed to
14 carbon pricing, and Washington would lead the United States through enacting the first
15 state-level carbon tax, and
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17 **WHEREAS** companies favor regulations based on transparency and feasibility to ensure a
18 just transition to carbon pricing, which exalts a carbon tax from other carbon pricing
19 mechanism, and
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21 **WHEREAS** I-732 has been endorsed by the 5th Legislative District Democrats, 26th
22 Legislative District Democrats, 32nd Legislative District Democrats, 40th Legislative
23 District Democrats, 41st Legislative District Democrats, Kitsap County Democrats,
24 Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle, Snohomish County Democrats, Whatcom County
25 Democrats, and Young Democrats of Clark County, in its provisions identified as follows:
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- 27 1. Reduce the state sales tax by one full percentage point.
28 2. Fund the Working Families Rebate to provide up to \$ 1,500 a year for 400,000
29 low income working households in Washington state.
30 3. Effectively eliminate the Business and Occupation tax for manufacturers.
31 4. Institute a carbon tax of \$25 per metric ton of carbon dioxide on fossil fuels
32 consumed in the state of Washington.
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34 **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Legislative District, County and State Democratic
35 Party urge its elected officials to endorse I-732 and to pass endorsement resolutions in
36 their jurisdictions, and encourage all voters to vote for I-732, and
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38 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the Democratic Party at all levels commits to
39 holding Washington State Democratic members of Congress accountable to abide by the

1 clear demands of their constituents and to urge Democrats represented by Republican
2 members of Congress to hold their members of Congress accountable following the
3 November 2016 election.

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6 *Submitted by James R. Collett to the Benton County Democratic County Convention April 24,*
7 *2016.*