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Adding Lands to the Hanford Reach National Monument for Management by the Department of the Interior

1 **WHERE AS** President William J. Clinton, by Memorandum of Direction dated June 9, 2000 to
2 the Secretary of Energy, directed the Secretary to manage the ecological resources of central
3 Hanford to allow for the possibility of adding lands, as they are remediated, to the Hanford
4 Reach National Monument;

5 **WHERE AS**, while a portion of central Hanford lands is needed for the Department of Energy's
6 continuing mission, much of the remaining central area contains unique and vanishing shrub-
7 steppe habitat and other objects of scientific and historic interest that must be preserved;

8 **WHERE AS** the Department of Energy's Comprehensive Land Use Plan Environmental Impact
9 Statement designated much of central Hanford as conservation and preservation lands, suitable
10 for transfer to the Hanford Reach National Monument;

11 **WHERE AS** conservation and preservation lands of central Hanford will be remediated of
12 contaminants and are currently scheduled to be cleaned up prior to 2015;

13 **WHERE AS** Rachel Jacobson, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Department of the
14 Interior, by letter dated February 26, 2014, requested of the Acting Assistant Secretary for
15 Environmental Management, Department of Energy a meeting to discuss final disposition of
16 central Hanford remediated lands;

17 **WHERE AS** the Department of the Interior further stated in their letter of February 26, "[we]
18 treasure this landscape and we are deeply invested in the existing monument lands and the
19 conservation values that will be realized as central Hanford area lands are remediated and
20 preserved for the benefit of future generations";

21 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that we, the Benton County Democrats, request that the
22 Honorable Senator Patty Murray and the Honorable Senator Maria Cantwell support inclusion of
23 additional central Hanford remediated lands in the Hanford Reach National Monument, as
24 envisioned by President Clinton;

25 **THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that we, the Benton County Democrats, request
26 that the Honorable Senator Patty Murray and the Honorable Senator Maria Cantwell urge
27 President Barack Obama to secure by presidential proclamation additional central Hanford lands
28 in the Hanford Reach National Monument.

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30 *Submitted by Dana Carl Ward to the Benton County Democrats at the County Convention April 12, 2014*

31 *Adopted by the Convention of the Benton County Democrats, April 12, 2014.*