

Resolution Putting Nebraska First in Energy Decisions

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Democratic Party platform states that we must move towards energy independence and the best way to achieve that goal is through increased use of alternative energy sources; and

WHEREAS, renewable energy technologies have continued to advance resulting in cheaper prices for the electricity produced; and

WHEREAS, renewable and green energy sources have and continue to provide employment opportunities in the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, at our 2016 Nebraska Democratic State Convention we recognized that climate change poses a clear and present danger, we stated as a party that we support and encourage the use of Nebraska grown renewable energy resources to mitigate rising emissions while creating economic development opportunities across the state; and

WHEREAS, in a State that is growing and thriving, the increased need for energy mandates that we have a strategy that includes support for new energy projects, on both a utility and residential scale, we find better ways to conserve energy including promoting weatherization, improving existing infrastructure to utilize newer technologies and replacing outdated infrastructure with more efficient, environmentally friendly solutions.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Nebraska Democratic Party opposes projects that do not take into account the all of the above factors and the effect they may have on the environment, jobs, costs to consumers and the move towards energy independence; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED the Nebraska Democratic Party calls upon all decision makers in the State to consider these factors prior to approving projects within the State and, when appropriate, defend these principles on projects that take place beyond our borders but can impact the residents of Nebraska.