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Washington County Democratic Party  
Declaration of the Platform and Resolution Committee  
On

RESOLUTION TO BUY LOCAL AND BUY MADE IN USA

**Whereas** in 2010 the USA suffered a \$634 billion deficit balance of payments;

**Whereas** many items, such as gas and oil and off season produce, cannot be met by US production and must be imported;

**Whereas** every dollar spent on foreign products leads to the increase of our national debt;

**Whereas** each individual still has a choice of how they spend their income; and

**Whereas** money spent on as much locally made and grown in the USA products, stays in the USA thereby creating jobs and wealth for individuals for the County:

THEREFORE, WE AS WASHINGTON COUNTY DEMOCRATS, DECLARE:

- 1) We will request the Democratic Party of Oregon adopt a plank in its State Platform encouraging our State Agencies to “Buy Local, Buy Regional, Buy USA”, and the Washington County Democrats will display a banner stating the same at our public functions,
- 2) We will establish an ad hoc committee to provide web links from our website where Made In USA brands and manufacturers can be researched on the web for items that can be purchased on line,
- 3) We will support all Made in USA products in our workplace, homes, and to our friends so that more Americans can be employed in domestic well paying jobs and return manufacturing from off shore to the USA,
- 4) **We will pay ourselves and the USA first and reduce our dependence on foreign imports.**

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**RESOLUTION TO BUY LOCALLY MADE, USA-MADE, AND USA-GROWN GOODS AND SERVICES**

**Whereas** in 2010 the USA suffered a \$634 billion deficit balance of payments;

**Whereas** every dollar spent on foreign goods and services increases the national deficit;  
and

**Whereas** money spent on locally made, USA-made, and USA-grown goods and services,  
creates jobs and wealth for US workers;

**THEREFORE, WE AS WASHINGTON COUNTY DEMOCRATS, DECLARE:**

- 1.) A banner reading “Buy Local, Buy Regional, Buy USA”, will be displayed at our public functions.
- 2.) We will provide links from our website to Made In USA manufacturers and consortiums, and to Portland Metro area farmers and consortiums.
- 3.) We support and promote a new Democratic Party of Oregon Legislative Action Item that reads: (Create, fund, or enforce legislation to:) Require all state agencies to purchase Oregon-made goods and services from Oregon-resident sources when prudent.
- 4.) We purchase locally made and USA-made goods and services when prudent.
- 5.) We urge all citizens to purchase locally made and USA-made goods and services for their personal and business use when prudent.

Links: [www.stillmadeinusa.com](http://www.stillmadeinusa.com), [www.madeinusa.com](http://www.madeinusa.com), [www.madeinuseforever.com](http://www.madeinuseforever.com),  
[www.made-in.us.com](http://www.made-in.us.com), [www.proudamericantradingpost.com](http://www.proudamericantradingpost.com),

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Special Note: The choice of the word ‘prudent’ was seriously debated. Here are some definitions from the New Oxford American Dictionary

- *Prudent: acting with or showing care and thought for the future*
- *Practicable: able to be done or put into practice successfully*
- *Practical: of or concerned with the doing of something rather than with theory or ideas*
- *Feasible: possible to do conveniently or easily*
- *Possible: able to be done*

