

**A Resolution of the Democratic Party of Washington County
In Support of the 2015 Iran Nuclear Agreement
WCDR 2015 – 009**

Whereas war should be considered a last option only after negotiations have failed;

Whereas President Obama's goals of preventing Iran from obtaining or being on a fast track to obtaining a nuclear weapon are clear and supportable;

Whereas the currently proposed agreement is the only multinational agreement that has the potential to keep Iran from “going nuclear”,

Whereas ratification of the Iran Nuclear Agreement will, in the words of 29 of this Nation's top scientists* (1), "advance the cause of peace and security in the Middle East, and can serve as a guidepost for future nonproliferation agreements";

Whereas President Obama recently stated that "If Congress kills this deal, we will lose more than constraints on Iran's nuclear program or the sanctions we have painstakingly built, we will have lost something more precious, America's credibility as an anchor of the international system" (2); and

Whereas Thirty six (36) retired American Generals and Admirals recently stated "there is no better option to prevent a nuclear weapon. Military action would be less effective than the deal, assuming it is fully implemented. If the Iranians cheat, our advanced technology, intelligence and the inspections will reveal it" (3).

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY,
OREGON RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

1. We call upon our representatives in Congress (House and Senate) to support this Agreement and to vote for it when the Agreement comes to a vote in September.
2. We authorize the Chair of the Washington County Democrats to contact our representatives informing them of this Resolution.

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1. New York Times, Aug 8, 2015 by William Broad; "29 Scientists Praise Iran Nuclear Deal in Letter to Obama"

2. Full Text of President Obama's speech @ American University; Washington Post, Aug. 5, 2015

3. Washington Post, Aug. 11, 2015 by Karen de Young; "Dozens of Retired Generals and Admirals Back Iran Deal"