

**A Resolution of the Democratic Party of Washington County
Resolution 2017-054
To Urge all Oregon Mayors to Support the Paris Climate Agreement**

1. Whereas DPO Platform Article 6 Plank 1 states: “We believe the peer-reviewed scientific evidence that climate change is a global emergency caused by human activities, and we must take immediate actions to reduce our negative impacts necessary for the survival of our species”; and

2. Whereas multiple studies published in peer-reviewed scientific journals show that 97 percent or more of actively publishing climate scientists agree: Climate-warming trends over the past century are extremely likely due to human activities; and

3. Whereas most of the leading scientific organizations worldwide have issued public statements endorsing the position that climate change is due to human activities including;

- American Association for the Advancement of Science
- American Chemical Society
- American Geophysical Union
- American Medical Association
- American Meteorological Society
- American Physical Society
- The Geological Society of America
- U.S. National Academy of Sciences
- U.S. Global Change Research Program, and
- Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change; and

4. Whereas the current federal administration has pulled the United States out of the Paris Climate Agreement; and

5. Whereas Portland and Multnomah County became the first city and county in the Northwest to commit to 100% renewable energy by 2035; and

6. Whereas on June 1, 2017, U.S. #ClimateMayors¹ came together to advance local climate action, national emission reduction policies, & the Paris Climate Agreement; and

7. Whereas to date, 373 US Mayors representing millions of Americans working together said they “will adopt, honor, and uphold the commitments to the goals enshrined in the Paris Agreement. We will intensify efforts to meet each of our cities’ current climate goals, push for new action to meet the 1.5 degrees Celsius target, and work together to create a 21st century clean energy economy.”; and

8. Whereas to date, only 12 Oregon mayors have signed on to the Climate Mayors’ commitment to adopt, honor and uphold Paris Climate Agreement goals

Now, therefore, be it Resolved that the Democratic Party of Washington County (DPWC) calls upon all Oregon mayors to sign on to #ClimateMayors.org and commit to adopt, honor and uphold Paris Climate Agreement goals.

Link: <https://climate.nasa.gov/scientific-consensus/>
1. www.climate-mayors.org

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