

**RESOLUTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
IN FAVOR OF BALLOT MEASURE 85**

WHEREAS the Democratic Party strongly supports public education; and

WHEREAS funding of K-12 education in Oregon is volatile due to heavy dependence on income tax revenue, which varies with the overall strength of the economy; and

WHEREAS funding volatility is a detriment to public education; and

WHEREAS Oregon refunds portions of corporate income and excise taxes when revenue collections exceed estimates by 2%, as mandated in the present “kicker” provision; and

WHEREAS the “kicker” refund further increases volatility of education funding; and

WHEREAS Oregon Ballot Measure 85 proposes to eliminate the corporate “kicker” and instead allocate “excess” collections to provide additional funding for public K-12 education:

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Democratic Party of Washington County stands in favor of a YES vote on measure 85, and urges all Oregon voters to so vote.