

## Resolution on Greenhouse Gas

Whereas, the Washington State 2019 Clean Energy Transformation Act (CETA RCW 19.405) requires the distribution of low carbon electricity and virtually eliminates the use of fossil fuels such as natural gas for electricity generation; but, does not address the use of Greenhouse Gas (GHG) producing fossil fuels like propane and natural gas for thermal needs like home, office, and industrial heating; and

Whereas, the primary component of GHG heating and cooking (thermal) emissions is from natural gas and that footprint is much larger than scientific experts previously determined; and

Whereas, the City of Bellingham and Whatcom County are working towards policy to reduce GHG emissions.

Therefore, be it Resolved that:

Whatcom Democrats supports the objectives of the City of Bellingham Climate Action Task Force, and encourages Whatcom County and other local governments to adopt measures to reduce natural gas usage as well; and

Whatcom Democrats supports specific action to substitute other heat sources with a smaller carbon footprint, such as geothermal heat pumps, for commercial and residential uses that include heating, cooking, hot water heating, and clothes drying; and

Whatcom Democrats asks Cascade Natural Gas to reduce the carbon intensity of their supply and provide customers with verified information needed to make an informed decision on substituting lower GHG options for natural gas use.

*Adopted unanimously at the May 16 Monthly Membership Meeting of Whatcom Democrats*