

Support and Development of Renewable Energy in North Carolina

WHEREAS,

North Carolina's flourishing clean energy industry plays a key role in driving the state's economy, experiencing an annual growth of approximately 25 percent since 2012 – outpacing the growth of other industries in the state; and

WHEREAS,

North Carolina has experienced approximately 15 percent annual increase in revenues generated by clean energy activities since 2012, reaching \$4.8 billion in gross revenues in 2014, up \$1.2 billion from 2013; and

WHEREAS,

Significant job growth occurred in 2014, accounting for 22,995 full-time equivalent employees in North Carolina and more than 1,200 firms engaged in this field; and

WHEREAS,

Over 80 % of surveyed North Carolinians support leaders doing more to develop alternative and renewable energy sources; and

WHEREAS,

Over 80 % of surveyed citizens support new action that would create opportunities for alternative energy companies that use sustainable and renewable energy resources, such as the sun and wind, to offer power and electricity services directly to consumers and businesses in North Carolina; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That North Carolina Democratic Party supports the development of renewable energy sources for the people of North Carolina and the enactment of legislation to promote such development and economic growth in our State and the election of members of the NC Legislature, the Council of State and the Governorship that support such efforts..

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we Democrats commit our actions, time, ideas, energy, treasury and prayers toward ensuring the future of our children and grandchildren as we act to protect the climate and thus the economic future of North Carolina.

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Submitted to: New Hanover County Democratic Party, Richard Poole, Chairman – March 5, 2015