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To: President Barack Obama, Senators Bill Nelson & Marco Rubio, members of the US Congressional Delegation and members of the Palm Beach County Commission.

Resolution: Support renewable energy resources and the President's position on the 2015 PARIS ACCORD on Climate Change and other bills that address Climate Change

WHEREAS, Climate Change is already having significant and harmful effects on our communities, our health, and our climate.

- Sea level rise is accelerating causing flooding.
- The number of large wildfires is also growing.
- Dangerous heat waves are becoming more common.
- More severe storms like tornadoes and hurricanes as well as droughts, are occurring across our nation, and

WHEREAS, Climate Change is happening now. The planet's temperature is unmistakably increasing. Every one of the past 38 years has been warmer than the 20th century average. The 12 warmest years on record have all occurred since 1998. The hottest year ever recorded for the contiguous United States occurred in 2012. Globally, the average surface temperature has increased more than one degree Fahrenheit since the late 1800s. Most of that increase has occurred over just the past 30 years, and

WHEREAS, We are overloading our atmosphere with greenhouse gases which trap heat and steadily drive up the planet's temperature. The fossil fuels we burn for energy—coal, natural gas, and oil—plus the loss of forests due to deforestation, especially in the tropics, are driving up the planet's temperature, and

WHEREAS, The scientific evidence is clear. Within the climate scientific community, there is no debate. An overwhelming majority of climate scientists agree that global warming is happening and that human activity is the primary cause.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that we must take immediate action to address Climate Change or these consequences will continue to intensify, grow ever more costly, and increasingly affect the entire planet; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Palm Beach County Democratic Party strongly urges all legislators including the Palm Beach County Commission to adopt policies that promote alternative energy sources that provide sustainable benefits such as stable energy prices and lower greenhouse gas admissions. These policies will promote and improve the quality of public health, and reduce deforestation, including Mangrove estuaries, Cyprus trees and reduce the loss of wetland, and the environment. Generating electricity using solar power, wind and/or waterpower creates a better overall air quality than the burning of fossil fuels that emit toxic pollutants into the environment.

Respectfully submitted to the Palm Beach County Democratic Party Executive Committee

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