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WHEREAS, we recognize the interconnectedness of all life and that the Klamath Watershed is an integral component of the global ecosystem; that the Klamath River watershed contains the most biologically diverse conifer forests in the world, irreplaceable habitat for elk, Pacific fisher, wolverine, marten, flying squirrel, anadromous fish, mollusks, and amphibians; that it is intrinsically linked with the culture, sustenance, livelihood, and health of both indigenous and immigrant populations; that it once contained one of the healthiest and most prolific salmon fisheries in the world; and

WHEREAS, six dams obstruct 350 miles of fish habitat along the Klamath River, three of which provide no safe passage and a fourth provides insufficient passage for fish; gross environmental resource mismanagement, including diversions and obstructions that degrade water quality, wholesale use of pesticides and herbicides, and logging have devastated river and ocean fisheries, all who depend upon them, and the Klamath River watershed; and

WHEREAS, the Klamath River flows through multiple sovereign American Indian nations, flowing in its entirety through the Yurok Indian Nation in the area known as Del Norte County; alternative energy, such as solar, wind, and oceanic, should be implemented that may surpass the energy produced by hydroelectric projects thereby, obviating dams upon the Klamath River;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Del Norte County Democratic Party supports the environmentally responsible removal of dams; cessation of water diversions, pesticide and herbicide use, and old growth logging; the implementation of wise, intelligent, cooperative, and multi-national environmental resource management; implementation of alternative energy production; and urge for restoration and preservation of the Klamath River and Watershed.

Adopted by the Del Norte County Democratic Central Committee at its monthly meeting, Crescent City, CA. on

_____ Date

_____ Debra Broner, County Chair