

Resolution Opposing Extension of Certain Federal Trade Policies

WHEREAS: On February 4th, 2016, the Obama Administration signed the Transpacific Partnership (TPP) Agreement in Auckland, New Zealand, following secret negotiations that included nearly 600 multinational global corporate interests giving them disproportionate influence but excluded public stakeholders; and

WHEREAS: Only 6 of the 30 chapters in the 6,000 page agreement concern trade, and 24 concern financial regulations, prescription drug pricing, food sanitation standards and environmental issues, this text of the TPP has caused municipalities nationwide to pass resolutions opposing the policies contained therein that will have a horrific impact on employment, the environment and U.S. sovereignty; and

WHEREAS: Past U.S. trade deals have incorporated rules that skew benefits to economic and political elites while requiring working families to suffer loss of employment such as the drop of 5 million jobs in manufacturing from 2000 to 2015 that has devastated entire communities; and

WHEREAS: The offshoring of manufacturing and service jobs deprives local and state governments of sorely needed revenues, jeopardizing the livelihoods of millions of public servants as well as construction workers whose jobs depend upon infrastructure building, repair and maintenance; and

WHEREAS: The TPP, as legally binding, sets up barriers to addressing urgent climate and sustainability concerns such that increased global warming and extreme weather impacting Jefferson County and the State of Washington will lead to increased costs for basic resources needed for survival; and

WHEREAS: The TPP includes a "docking" agreement whereby any country may agree to all provisions and join the TPP thus increasing the negative impact, environmentally and economically, of all TPP provisions; and

WHEREAS: TPP usurps certain powers of National Sovereignty for the benefit of multinational corporations to the extreme detriment of citizens by establishing rules for dispute settlement that create corporate-friendly tribunals, unaccountable to our Constitution, Supreme Court or legal traditions, that have the power to levy fines in the millions and billions of dollars against our governments if our laws and regulations to protect the public interest, worker safety and the environment interfere with their hypothetical future profits; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That we, the Clallam County Democrats, call upon our federal elected officials – Senator Patty Murray, Senator Maria Cantwell and Congressional Representative Derek Kilmer-- to **oppose** the TPP;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That we, the Clallam County Democrats, direct our Secretary to transmit copies of this Resolution to the named elected officials, post this resolution onto our website and Facebook page, transmit it to our local newspapers, and further disseminate it throughout the community including a “No TPP” symbol at the headquarters.