

**RESOLUTION NO. 610-14**

**A Resolution of the Commission of the Port of Port Townsend**

**RESOLUTION TO COMMIT TO ADDRESSING ENERGY USE  
AND CLIMATE CHANGE**

The Port Commission for the Port of Port Townsend, Washington resolves as follows:

**WHEREAS:** numerous scientific organizations, including the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, have determined that human induced changes to the earth's climate system are unequivocal as evidenced by increases in global average air and ocean temperatures, retreating glaciers, decreasing snow pack, ocean acidification and coral bleaching, and by rising global mean sea levels, and further is likely to be damaging to the human environment and economy; and

**WHEREAS:** energy consumption, specifically the burning of fossil fuels (e.g., coal, oil and natural gas) accounts for more than 80% of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions, and the U.S. produces nearly one quarter of global greenhouse gas emissions; and

**WHEREAS:** the Port of Port Townsend can influence land use, building construction, waste management, and energy supply management within its facilities; and

**WHEREAS:** the Port can also provide leadership by motivating and supporting its tenants in improving energy use within Port facilities, and encourage and support citizens throughout the County in improving energy use within businesses, industries, schools, churches and homes; and

**WHEREAS:** the Port of Port Townsend recognizes that the probable adverse effects on our citizens, infrastructure, and environment, from climate change pose a serious risk to our community's future economy and livability; and


**WHEREAS:** actions taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote energy efficiency provide multiple local benefits by decreasing air pollution, supporting employment, reducing energy expenditures, saving money and reducing tax burdens for governments, businesses and citizens;

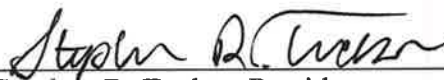
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED:** by the Commission of the Port of Port Townsend, that it shall be the policy of the Port of Port Townsend to collaborate in a program to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and promote energy efficiency, by:

- Supporting the efforts of Jefferson County and the City of Port Townsend to successfully implement the *Jefferson County Climate Action Plan*, adopted November 14, 2011;
- Actively participating in, and supporting, the efforts of the Climate Action Committee to achieve the reductions in greenhouse gas emissions outlined in the *Climate Action Plan*; and
- Exploring, developing and implementing specific measures to be taken by the Port of Port Townsend to assist in achieving the emission reduction targets outlined in the *Climate Action Plan*.

**ADOPTED** this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2014, by the Commission of the Port of Port Townsend and duly authenticated in open session by the signatures of the Commissioners voting in favor thereof and the Seal of the Commission duly affixed.

**ATTEST:**

  
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Peter W. Hanke, Secretary

  
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Stephen R. Tucker, President

  
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Brad A. Clinefelter, Vice President

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
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Eric R. Toews, Port Attorney

