



**A Resolution Calling on the Biden Administration to take aggressive climate action and end the era of fossil fuels**

**The following resolution was proposed by the Climate Caucus and adopted by unanimous consent at the Alaska Democratic Party State Convention in Seward, Alaska  
May 7, 2022**

Whereas, climate change is accelerating with catastrophic impacts on people and the environment worldwide, and

Whereas, climate change created by unchecked carbon emissions initiates acidification and warming of the earth's oceans and a chain of events that cause declines and stress to the marine food chain and marine mammal populations, and threatens the food security of subsistence users, commercial and sport fisheries, and the burgeoning aquaculture industry,

Whereas, transitioning off of fossil-fuel transportation and investing in public transportation is one of the most direct impacts we can take to reduce carbon emissions,

Whereas, the most rapid changes are occurring in the Arctic, including Alaska, and

Whereas, melting glaciers and thawing permafrost, disappearing sea ice, coastal erosion, infrastructure failure, floods, fires and other climate change impacts are adversely affecting our people, communities and economy, and

Whereas, climate impacts are occurring around the world and individuals are being displaced by natural disasters caused by climate change, and Alaska is uniquely positioned as a location to welcome climate refugees, however without adequate planning a climate refugee migration could strain already fragile communities;

Whereas, cancer and other health ills are on the rise due to extractive industries and needs for mutual aide and reparations are needed now;

Whereas these climate calamities disproportionately impact our rural Alaska communities, and

Whereas, Alaska is 4th largest producer of carbon dioxide in the United States, and

Whereas, although the Biden Administration initially took encouraging steps, much quicker and more aggressive action is needed to forestall the worst climate impacts, and

Whereas, calls to expand fossil fuel development in Alaska in response to the international crisis in Ukraine are misguided, short-sighted and counter-productive; and

Whereas, rapid transition to renewable energy sources is necessary to achieve true energy independence and security;

Therefore Be it Resolved, the Alaska Democratic Party demands effective, aggressive action to limit global temperature rise to well below 2.0 degrees C above pre-industrial levels, and

Be it Further Resolved that the Biden Administration must end the era of fossil fuel production and use all the tools at its disposal to avert further climate devastation in Alaska; and

Be it Further Resolved that needed actions include:

- Declare a climate emergency and secure resources to build out clean, renewable, and distributed renewable energy;
- Encourage the oil and gas industry in Alaska to reengineer and invest in renewable energy
- Phase out fossil fuel production, leases, and permits on public lands and waters;
- Strengthen renewable energy production by expediting the permitting process for renewable energy projects
- Address and mitigate the climate impacts on Alaska's Indigenous and rural communities that are disproportionately harmed;
- Set a national climate pollution standard that establishes a science-based, nation-wide, and economy-wide cap on greenhouse gas emissions to reduce climate pollution at the pace necessary to protect public health and welfare; and
- Build Back Fossil Free, delivering jobs, justice, and clean energy for all.
- Prepare for climate refugees
- Invest in more public transit infrastructure

And be it Further Resolved that this resolution will be sent to Democratic Elected Officials.