

RESOLUTION # 2005-18

A Resolution of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of Chelan County expressing support for plug-in hybrid and alternatively fueled vehicles

WHEREAS, our reliance on vehicles conventionally fueled with petroleum products has significant and negative environmental impacts, is increasingly expensive, has major implications for US foreign policy, results in the significant leakage of dollars from the community, region and state, and is ultimately unsustainable; and

WHEREAS, alternative technologies such as plug-in hybrid electric powerplants and others are being tested and show tremendous potential application for a wide variety of uses, from passenger vehicles to trucks, buses, boats, and agricultural equipment; and

WHEREAS, preliminary research conducted by Port staff and initial meetings held with industry experts, local businesses, educators and agencies indicates that Chelan County and North Central Washington are particularly well suited for the further development, testing and possible manufacturing of alternative fueled vehicle components and systems; and

WHEREAS, Chelan County and North Central Washington , along with the entire nation, stand to benefit significantly from the refinement and application of these technologies into everyday uses; and

WHEREAS, the Port of Chelan County recognizes the potential economic and environmental benefit of alternative vehicles, and believes that communities throughout the region, the state, and the nation should join together to urge automakers to mass produce alternative vehicles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Port of Chelan County recognizes the importance of the development of alternative vehicles, including plug-in hybrid, and directs Port staff to develop an industry cluster strategy to foster the development of technologies, testing, manufacture, servicing and repair of these vehicles to establish Chelan County as an area committed to innovative technologies related to alternative vehicles.
2. The Port of Chelan County will support local, state and federal policies that promote the development and wide use of alternative vehicles.
3. The Port of Chelan County will work with other agencies to procure alternative vehicles for use by local businesses and agencies to validate the environmental and economic benefits of these vehicles.
4. The Port of Chelan County will work with and support the development of comprehensive training and educational programs that are essential to the full realization of the benefits of this emerging technology.

RESOLVED this 2nd day of November, 2005.

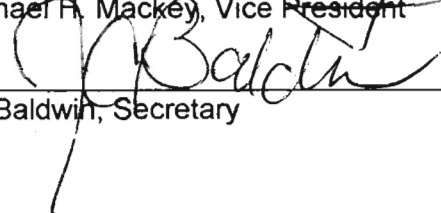
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