

1 **NORTHWEST PUBLIC POWER ASSOCIATION**

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3 **RESOLUTION 08-4**

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5 **ENERGY RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT IS A**
6 **NATIONAL SECURITY ISSUE**
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8 Recent national security threats have made the United States more
9 aware that it lacks adequate domestic energy resources to meet growing
10 demands. Currently, the US imports in excess of 50 percent of its
11 petroleum needs, in part from sources that are subject to embargo.

12 Our energy security depends upon the development of new and
13 existing domestic, energy resources, more efficient technologies, and
14 comprehensive conservation efforts in order to reduce our dependence on
15 foreign fuels. To reverse the trend of US dependence on foreign energy
16 resources, NWPPA urges Congress to pursue appropriate legislation to
17 facilitate an adequate domestic energy supply.

18 Options to consider in reducing this dependence include:

- 19 • Increased appropriations funding and tax credits to incentivize
20 renewable energy production;
- 21 • Increased energy efficiency research and development programs
22 with consumer incentives for new product use;
- 23 • Environmentally responsible exploration and development of
24 domestic oil, gas, coal, and other energy resources;
- 25 • Environmentally responsible development of new, domestic
26 nuclear power resources;
- 27 • Conservation programs and incentives; and
- 28 • Efforts to encourage use of more fuel-efficient vehicles.

29 While recognizing the importance of domestic energy resources to
30 national energy security and the nation's economy, we also encourage
31 Congress to mitigate those benefits against the possible negative impact
32 on the environment.
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36 Resolution requested by Alaska Village Electric Co-op