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**PRE-EMPTIVE BAN ON LAWFUL ACTIVITIES, OPPOSING**

**WHEREAS:** From time to time, concern has been raised over perceived impacts on the environment from a wide variety of products and practices including the use of Alar as a pesticide and cyanide to separate metals in mining and this concern frequently results in political pressure on elected officials to ban the use of such products and processes; and

**WHEREAS:** Federal and state governments, through agencies, boards and commissions establish protective standards and monitor compliance with laws and regulations to protect human health and the environment; and

**WHEREAS:** Local governments play an important role in regulating land use within their respective jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS:** Permitting processes at federal, state, and local levels require analysis of impacts and establish mitigation measures with opportunities for public input; and

**WHEREAS:** The decision whether to issue certifications and permits for chemical products and industrial processes should be based on a case-by-case evaluation of each application based on the applicant’s ability to comply with relevant protective standards; and

**WHEREAS:** A pre-emptive ban on products and practices denies an applicant the opportunity to demonstrate ability to comply with applicable regulations and denies elected officials the opportunity to review and consider each project on its merits; and

**WHEREAS:** A pre-emptive ban on mining, ranching, agricultural and other technologies would result in severe economic harm to the communities in which such activities occur;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CLUB 20 opposes a statewide pre-emptive ban on any lawful activity that is regulated to protect health and environment by either the federal or state government, or both.

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