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**NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY, SUPPORT FOR**

**WHEREAS** the energy policies of the past are still not working. Our nation is increasingly dependent on foreign energy and we need to develop a plan that ensures the nation will have adequate supplies. Uncertainty of reliability and price has been harmful to businesses and consumers, and is disruptive to local and regional investment. Reliable and affordable energy underpins every aspect of modern society. Our health, transportation, jobs, economy and standard of living depend on it; and

**WHEREAS**, to maintain Club 20’s commitment to a viable economy and a clean and healthy environment, we need to pursue a national energy plan that will result in a diverse energy portfolio that will include conventional/traditional, unconventional, renewable and alternative energy resource development, energy efficiency and conservation; and

**WHEREAS** Club 20 supports the National Commission on Energy Policy, a nonpartisan group formed to develop a long-term energy strategy for the United States which will focus on such issues as oil security, global climate change, energy efficiency, electricity and energy R&D, and long-term structural challenges; and

**WHEREAS** Western Colorado is blessed with an abundance of natural energy resources that have been critical to accommodating substantial population growth and fueling a dynamic economy; and

**WHEREAS** traditional resources such as oil, natural gas, coal and hydropower have been and will continue to play a significant role in meeting future energy needs and at the same time, resources such as energy efficiency, nuclear, solar, wind, geothermal, biomass, shale oil, clean coal technologies; and unconventional natural gas technologies are relatively untapped but very promising. Together, the combination of these resources provides the foundation for a clean, diversified and secure energy future; and

**WHEREAS** fuel prices in excess of \$4.00 per gallon have brought to the forefront our energy supply shortcomings; and the American Petroleum Institute and others estimate that there are nearly 86 billion barrels of untapped and off-limits total recoverable oil in federal waters offshore (enough oil to fuel 48 million cars for 60 years); and an estimated oil shale reserve underlying western Colorado, parts of Utah and southwest Wyoming that is thought to contain 1 trillion to 1.8 trillion barrels (or three times the proven reserves of Saudi Arabia); and;

**WHEREAS** the nation needs to develop all available energy resources to:

- Protect the economy from energy shortages and price spikes;
- Augment our pursuit of a national energy policy that will result in a diverse energy portfolio, including conventional/traditional, renewable, unconventional, and alternative energy resource development, energy efficiency and conservation;

- Accommodate the energy needs of a growing, mobile population;
- Better position the energy system to respond to new environmental challenges, including potential limitations on emissions.
- Take advantage of the development of new technologies that will lower the cost of renewable energy and reduce the cost of controlling emissions from Western Colorado's vast fossil fuel resource base; and

**WHEREAS** concern about local and global impacts from conventional/traditional and unconventional energy sources has in many cases slowed the development of these energy resources; and the region is well-suited to the development of new clean energy technologies to enhance the innovative use of these domestic energy supplies, both in the region and across the nation, in ways that minimize emissions while boosting domestic energy security; and

**WHEREAS** refinery capacity has not expanded to keep pace with demand. Efficient and safe pipeline infrastructure and robust petroleum product markets are critical to the region's economy, the public health and safety of our residents, and a clean environment; and

**WHEREAS** collaboration in the exploration of opportunities to develop a clean, secure, and diversified energy system for the nation and to capitalize on the region's immense energy resources; and recognize that both traditional and non-traditional resources will play an important role in meeting the energy needs of the nation; and

**WHEREAS** CLUB 20 supports the protection of Colorado's traditional economies such as agriculture, tourism, recreation and hunting even as the new energy economy grows in prominence;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that CLUB 20 supports the mission to improve the balance and overall adequacy of all energy resources in a manner which will accomplish any or all of the following objectives:

- strengthen economic growth, promote energy price stability, improve the environment, maximize reliability and abundance of diversified resource supplies;
- promote the integration of conventional/traditional, unconventional, and new renewable and alternative energy resource technologies;
- look at providing needed interstate market analysis, transmission efficiency and development, collaboration with both public and private electricity generators, the design of public buildings, model state legislation to encourage clean energy development, transportation system design, and the development of a hydrogen economy powered by clean energy sources;
- stress incentive-based, non-mandatory approaches that will help states achieve their clean and diversified energy goals, and will consider federal programs that could assist in the development of clean and diversified energy; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that CLUB 20 supports bi-partisan legislation to pursue a national energy policy with the same level of urgency as the Apollo Moon Project that will result in American energy independence utilizing a diverse energy portfolio including but not limited to:

- development of conventional/traditional, unconventional, renewable and alternative energy resources;
- energy efficiency and conservation that addresses the present and the future;
- support for best management practices for surface facilities and land-use;
- protection of our natural environment, wildlife and water resources
- seeking opportunities to increase the supply of petroleum products through expanded refining capacity, additional pipeline capacity and adequate tanker infrastructure;
- improving the capability of our energy systems, including the refinery and pipeline infrastructure and end-users, to accommodate the disruptions when they occur.

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