

2016 THURSTON COUNTY DEMOCRATIC RESOLUTIONS

10 Banning the Use of Neonicotinoid Pesticides

(Adopted June 27, 2016)

WHEREAS, Neonicotinoids, one of the most widely used classes of insecticides in the world, are systemic, persistent neurotoxins and spread throughout treated plants including to pollen/nectar gathered by pollinators; and

WHEREAS, Neonicotinoid pesticides, widely used in Washington and US agriculture and horticulture, are a class of neuro-active, nicotine-based insecticides; and pollinators are critical to key Washington crops, such as tree fruit; over one-third of all agricultural production worldwide is dependent on pollinators; and

WHEREAS, An independent review of more than 800 scientific studies concluded neonicotinoids are causing significant damage to a wide range of beneficial invertebrate species and are a key factor in the decline of bees;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Thurston County Democrats support and urge our State and Federal Elected officials to support a ban on the use of neonicotinoid pesticides; and urge the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to suspend the registration of all neonicotinoids pesticides.