

## RESOLUTION NO. 2008 - 15

### IMPROVED NATIONAL ENERGY POLICY FOR THE 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY

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Be it known, that **SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA** believes that the United States needs a responsible energy policy; and

**WHEREAS**, the links between economic growth, prosperity, energy security and environmental objectives are unbreakable; and

**WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Energy has concluded that worldwide energy supply from all sources will need to be increased to keep up with demand through the year 2030; and

**WHEREAS**, coal is a main source of energy throughout the world and provides for half of the electrical generation used in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, achieving energy independence and security for the United States can only be done by fully utilizing America's most abundant energy source—coal; and

**WHEREAS**, clean coal technologies, including carbon capture and storage, will play an increasing role in America's energy policy while still maintaining the essential pillar of economic growth—affordable energy; and

**WHEREAS**, future emissions related to energy legislation must be synchronized with the availability of cost-effective emission control technology; and

**WHEREAS**, existing sources of energy such as coal and alternative sources of fuel like solar, wind and nuclear power will all have to be part of a comprehensive approach to affordable energy; and

**WHEREAS**, continued funding, research, demonstration and deployment of carbon capture and storage and other clean coal technologies will secure hardworking American coal mining jobs in our state and nationwide and will contribute to a more prosperous economy;

**NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**, that **SHERIDAN COUNTY, MONTANA** calls upon **SENATORS MAX BAUCUS AND JOHN TESTER** and the United States Congress to support the continued funding, research, demonstration and deployment of carbon capture and storage and other clean coal technologies with the goal of developing an effective energy policy that will protect and maintain America's economic vitality.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of County Commissioners of Sheridan County, Montana this 24th day of October, 2008.

SHERIDAN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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