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**EMERGENCY RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATOR
WYDEN'S CALL FOR IMMEDIATE INTERNATIONAL
SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE TO JAPAN**

WHEREAS, after touring what remains of the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear facilities decimated by last year's earthquake and subsequent tsunami, U.S. Senator Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) sent letters to Japanese Ambassador Fujisaki, and to Secretary of State Clinton, Energy Secretary Chu, and NRC Chair Jaczko, assessing the dire situation and proposing that Japan be urged to accept international support and assistance and,

WHEREAS, the Daiichi nuclear facilities are still not secure from any number of possible threats including another significant earthquake, which seismologists say is almost certain to occur in the near future, and which could cause the 1,535 spent nuclear fuel assemblies in Unit 4's spent fuel pool to become exposed, igniting a globally catastrophic radioactive fire, and

WHEREAS, specifically, short of removing the nuclear fuel as quickly as possible, if steps are not taken to immediately stabilize the nuclear fuel pool in Unit 4 that is conservatively estimated to contain 5,000 Hiroshima bombs worth of cesium-137, and an earthquake or other event were to allow the water to drain out of that pool, an unstoppable nuclear fire could ensue and continue until all the nuclear fuel had burned completely, releasing a catastrophic amount of radiation into the ocean and atmosphere, which would spread and linger over all parts of the world including the United States for many years to come;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the California Democratic Party urgently supports Senator Wyden's plea for international action, and calls upon the United States to take the lead in pressing for Japan to accept immediate assistance and support; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to President Barack Obama, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, and Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein, as well as all California Democratic Congressional members, and all California Democratic Central Committees urging them to immediately take and make all possible actions and efforts in dealing with this potential nuclear catastrophe in Japan.

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