



CITY OF BAINBRIDGE ISLAND

PROCLAMATION

A PROCLAMATION by the Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, Washington, opposing the transportation of coal across Washington State to export for overseas consumption.

WHEREAS, mounting evidence demonstrates the overwhelming negative impacts of coal mining and combustion on public health; and

WHEREAS, Washington State already recognizes the severe economic, public health, and environmental impacts of climate change on this state (Executive Order No. 0905); and

WHEREAS, Washington State and other states are taking steps toward reducing American dependence on coal-fired power; and

WHEREAS, Washington State is currently experiencing an onslaught of proposals to export coal mined in the United States to foreign countries. These coal export proposals call for shipping tens of millions of tons of coal by rail across Washington State to private and public ports on the Columbia River and Puget Sound; and

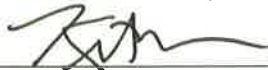
WHEREAS, transporting coal in open rail cars will contaminate cities, towns, farmland, forestland, and rivers across Washington State with coal dust; and

WHEREAS, coal export terminals in other parts of the nation and world are associated with significant air and water pollution; and

WHEREAS, Washington has been a national leader in creating clean-energy jobs and innovating, developing, demonstrating, and marketing clean energy technologies and practices that promote sustainable global economic development, and coal export promotes the most destructive and unsustainable energy development practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kirsten Hytopoulos, Mayor of the City of Bainbridge Island, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby oppose coal export terminals in Washington State. The City supports economic growth that does not jeopardize Washington State's commitment to fight the serious impacts of climate change. The City urges the Governor and the Legislature to work on a comprehensive policy opposing coal export terminals in Washington State. The Mayor is directed to transmit copies of this proclamation to the Governor of Washington, the State Lands Commissioner and to each Senator and Representative from Kitsap County in the State of Washington Legislature. The Mayor is directed to transmit copies of this proclamation to each Senator and Representative from Washington State in the Congress of the United States.

DATED this 12th day of October 2011.


Kirsten Hytopoulos, Mayor

