

Resolution Calling for a Moratorium on AI Data Centers to Protect Communities, Energy Stability, and Public Health

WHEREAS, large-scale artificial intelligence (AI) data centers consume staggering amounts of electricity, often equal to the energy use of entire cities, placing extreme strain on local power grids and driving up utility costs for everyday residents; and

WHEREAS, Florida communities are already grappling with rising energy bills, grid instability, climate-driven demand, and the addition of high-energy AI data centers threatens affordability and reliability for working families and seniors; and

WHEREAS, investigative reporting and community-led research have raised serious public health and environmental concerns near major data center operations, including reports of cancer clusters, miscarriages, and ecological damage in areas hosting large, corporate-linked facilities; and

WHEREAS, residents living near massive data center developments have reported declines in quality of life, environmental harm, and strain on local infrastructure, as documented by independent journalism and community advocates; and

WHEREAS, these facilities generate few permanent local jobs relative to the enormous demands they place on land, water, energy, and public infrastructure, while extracting disproportionate public subsidies and resources for private corporate profit; and

WHEREAS, Democratic values demand that economic development place people first, prioritizing public health, environmental sustainability, energy affordability, and community well-being over unchecked corporate expansion;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Party publicly supports a countywide moratorium on the construction of AI data centers;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that no future consideration of such facilities occur without transparent public hearings, comprehensive energy impact analyses, and independent public health assessments; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Palm Beach County calls on elected officials, candidates, and party leadership to stand with residents, not corporate interests, and to fight for environmental and economic policies that serve people, protect communities, and safeguard our collective future.