

Las Plumas High School Student Council
2019 CALL TO CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION

WHEREAS, we believe America is a great nation and has a proud heritage of addressing humanity's most pressing problems; and,

WHEREAS, there is consensus among scientists that human activities which create greenhouse gas emissions are the dominant cause of climate change; and,

WHEREAS, we believe it is important to advocate for climate action leading to climate restoration to curtail threats facing our communities; and,

WHEREAS, we believe that climate change is not a partisan issue and that local, state, and national policies should be guided by the best available science; and,

WHEREAS, the damages caused by natural catastrophes and extreme weather events devastate local economies and therefore schools; and,

WHEREAS, young people are disproportionately impacted by national climate inaction because greenhouse gases will continue to accumulate over the coming decades and will create a profound burden throughout our lives, as well as the lives of future generations; and,

WHEREAS, in 2015 the California PTA has declared climate change a children's issue; and,

WHEREAS, we support the 21 youth plaintiffs who are currently asserting a constitutional right for a livable climate in the *Juliana v. U.S. case*; and

WHEREAS, the global impact, urgency, and magnitude of the challenge addressing climate calls for leadership in all sectors of society; and,

WHEREAS, since December of 2017 more than 50 school boards and 25 student councils in 11 states have passed non-partisan resolutions building political will for national climate action to protect students;

WHEREAS, national and state elected leaders working in bipartisan fashion could enact policies that substantially reduce human-made pollutants, thereby protecting our current and future students; and,

WHEREAS, the Las Plumas High School student council celebrates existing district sustainability initiatives; and

WHEREAS, the Las Plumas High School student council recognizes and understands the significant negative impact that rapid and ongoing climate change has on America's schools, students, and their communities.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT. . Las Plumas High School student council supports action to address climate change and commits to continue to address and call for climate change in the following areas:

1. Encouraging environmental K-12 education and climate science;
2. Construction and renovation of facilities that conform to LEED and CHPS standards;
3. Operational projects including transportation, maintenance, and operations;
4. Nutrition services including initiatives to increase use of locally produced foods; and
5. We thank the school boards who have spoken up for climate justice by passing their own climate action resolutions. We encourage the remaining 13,000+ school boards in the country, including the California State Board of Education to break silence about climate justice and speak up to protect our generation and future generations. We encourage our own local board, Oroville Union High School District, to follow our lead and clearly articulate the will for Congress to act boldly on climate change.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT

The student council of Las Plumas High School celebrates existing district sustainability initiatives such as:

The existing Environmental Clubs and their work

The installation of solar in the district

Purchase of an electric bus

Updates to HVAC system for efficiency

We encourage our school district to develop a Climate Action Plan addressing these areas:

- curricular and educational opportunities such as climate literacy, climate advocacy, and climate justice curriculum and graduation requirements;
- facilities and operational priorities and projects including transportation, purchasing, maintenance, landscaping, and construction;
- Partnerships with local, regional, state, and national agencies and organizations to advance our response to climate change.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we direct our student council secretary to transmit official copies of this resolution to our school administration, the Schools for Climate Action campaign, all student councils in our district and neighboring districts, our district, county, and state school boards, all California members of Congress, the Congressional Climate Solutions Caucus, and the National School Board Association (NSBA).

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a meeting of the Las Plumas High School student council.

Votes: Ayes: 19 Noes: 0 Abstain: 0

Signed:

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President

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Vice-President

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Secretary

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Witnessed by Student Council Advisor

On October 16, 2019