

**America Can Lead: Call to Climate Action Resolution by \_\_\_\_\_ Student Council**

WHEREAS, our nation has a proud tradition of leading the world in addressing humanity's most pressing problems and in advancing the cause of human rights and prosperity. For example:

- The Greatest Generation defeated fascism and the Cold War generation stopped the advance of totalitarianism around the globe;
- The heroes of the women's rights, civil rights, labor rights, and gay rights movements inspired the nation and the world to move towards a more equitable and just society;
- American scientists, doctors, and healthcare workers have led the world in important medical and public health advances such as confronting the AIDS epidemic, childhood diseases, etc.
- American businesses (*elaborate---world wide web*)
- American arts and culture (*elaborate*)
- American scientists and engineers (*moon landing, etc.*)

WHEREAS anthropogenic climate change is one of the greatest challenges faced by humanity;

WHEREAS climate change is neither a partisan nor a political issue;

WHEREAS---(*acknowledge bi-partisan Climate Solutions Caucus as well as CCL, Put A Price On It, and Schools for Climate Action*)

WHEREAS, (*enumerate climate dangers and science---language from SF and SCOE resolutions*)

WHEREAS---mention *Juliana v Gov and Our Children's Trust*

WHEREAS---(*acknowledge California PTA and SCOE resolutions*)

WHEREAS, climate change is a social justice and equity issue. While climate change impacts *all* people and disproportionately impacts *all* young people and *all* future generations, it disproportionately affects people of color and people in poverty, thereby exacerbating existing inequities and limiting equality of opportunity which is a foundational aspiration for modern America;

WHEREAS---we have the technology and the economic strength for bold climate action; all that we need is public and political will to meet the challenge;

WHEREAS, we have faith in the American people, our democratic processes, in our elders, and in our collective ability to lead the world out of this climate crisis;

WHEREAS, in these divided times, all Americans from all political parties, religions, ethnicities, rural/urban/suburban communities and from all corners of the nation could unify behind the

cause of restoring America's leadership on climate change action, for the good of our generation, our children's generation, and for all Americans and all people of the world;

WHEREAS, time is of the essence and the actions we take in the next few years will have repercussions (potentially very positive or negative depending on our course of action) for generations to come;

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE RESOLVED THAT. . .**

1. We declare climate change a generational justice and human rights issue;
2. We endorse equitable and effective state and national carbon pricing policies and call on all adults, voters, leaders, and institutions to join us in advocating for and implementing these policies rapidly.
3. We call on all youth, all adults, and all institutions to advocate for and to take climate action in order to protect our generation and future generations. We expect that political parties or political movements silent about climate action will become unviable as our generation ages into the electorate.
4. We encourage all individuals, all leaders, and all institutions to engage in non-partisan advocacy and outreach among peers and similar institutions as well as organizing bodies such as county, state, and national boards or associations (other school districts across state and country; Board Member to other Board Members and to CSBA and NSBA;) as well as across scales and sectors including engagement with local, state, and federal agencies, jurisdictions, and leaders.

**NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT**

1. We celebrate (list of existing sustainability measures and programs already at the school or district)
2. We encourage our own student council officers, teachers, school board members, and superintendent to engage with local, state, and federal jurisdictions and elected leaders to engage in non-partisan advocacy for science-based policies to restore the climate;
3. We encourage our school district to form a multi-stakeholder committee to develop a Climate Action Plan addressing these areas:
  - a. Buildings and Grounds
  - b. Operations and Food Service
  - c. Direct Greenhouse Gas Measurements and Goals for Net-Zero
  - d. Climate Literacy and Climate Advocacy in the Curriculum
  - e. Institutional Advocacy for Climate Action
4. We encourage all students to transmit this resolution to MoCs, School Boards, Schools for Climate Action, and friends and family across the country

5. We direct our student council secretary to transmit official copies of this resolution to Schools for Climate Action campaign, local Citizens' Climate Lobby chapter, school board, school administration, MoC, Climate Solutions Caucus, and school district superintendent, CSBA, NSBA,



