

Call to Climate Action Resolution

by Credo High School Student Council

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

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

WHEREAS climate change is inherently threatening our own educational environment with the rising sea levels and increasing temperatures;

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 of restoring our climate;

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, the youth and for all subsequent generations.

WHEREAS, time is of the essence and the actions we take in the next few years will have repercussions, both positive and negative 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, as students, 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 in order to restore the climate.
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. We encourage other student councils, school district boards, county boards of education, state boards of education, and the board of the California School Board Association, and the board of the National School Board Association to all pass climate action resolutions similar to ours, calling on Congress to enact swift, fair, and effective climate policies in order to protect current and future students.
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 as well as across scales and sectors including engagement with local, state, and federal agencies, jurisdictions, and leaders. We expect adults, especially adult leaders of youth-focussed institutions to advocate strongly for fast, effective national climate policy. It is important for all institutions to break the spiral of silence on climate change as a generational justice issue.
5. We respectfully request that those people closest to the Members of Congress who are the most disengaged from climate change work to shift the Member's perceptions and beliefs

about the issue. We respectfully encourage staff members, supporters, colleagues, and constituents of currently climate disengaged Congresspeople to engage in honest, direct dialogue with the Member to explain why their silence or inaction on climate change harms young Americans and future generations, eroding national moral authority and national identity. As Californian students, we encourage influencers of the following currently climate-disengaged Congresspeople to speak up and help shift the Member's perception of and thinking about positive solutions to the climate crisis:

1. Tom McClintock (CA-02, Tahoe Area)
2. Doug LaMalfa (CA-01, Redding Area)
3. Devin Nunes (CA-22, Southeastern San Joaquin Valley)

6. Credo High School Student Council will work cohesively with the Credo High School One Planet Leadership Team in publicizing the movement for climate justice and bringing our enthusiasm to the larger political community through district board meetings and school district events.

7. Credo High School Student Council will actively update the student body on the Schools for Climate Action campaign in order to involve as many students as possible.

8. Credo High School Student Council will continue Credo's work in upgrading our school facilities to more sustainable options i.e. electric hand dryers, hydration stations, dual flush toilets etc.

NOW THEREFORE LET IT BE FURTHER RESOLVED THAT

1. We celebrate One Planet Certification from BioRegional, One Planet Leadership Team, and sustainable facilities such as the tribin waste system, a hydration station, solar panels and dual flush toilets.
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 Transportation
 - c. Food Service
 - d. Direct Greenhouse Gas Measurements and Goals for Net-Zero
 - e. Climate Literacy and Climate Advocacy in the curriculum and graduation requirements
 - f. Institutional Advocacy for Climate Action
 - g. Partnerships with local, regional, state, and national agencies and organizations to advance our response to climate change
4. 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, all California members of Congress, staff members of currently climate-disengaged Members of Congress named in this resolution, the Climate Solutions Caucus, and school district superintendent, the California School Board (CSBA), the California County Boards of Education (CCBE) and the National School Board Association (NSBA).

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