

OJAI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
**BOARD AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

MEETING DATE: February 13, 2019

FOR: Action

TITLE: Approval of Resolution #18-19-11: Call To Climate Change Action of 2019

EXHIBIT: Resolution #18-19-11 Call To Climate Change Action of 2019

EXPLANATION:

The Board is asked to approve this resolution for a Call to Climate Change Action of 2019.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution #18-19-11: Call To Climate Change Action of 2019

Motion by: M. Shanahan Second by: S. Griffen Vote: Y 4 N 1 A 0

Yes: Members Griffen, Ruf, Shanahan and Weil No. Member Whipple

## Resolution of Ojai Unified School District

# Call To Climate Change Action of 2019

### RESOLUTION NO. 18-19-11

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

**WHEREAS**, we believe it is important to advocate for climate action leading to climate restoration to curtail one of the greatest threats facing communities throughout the world; 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**, there is a broad scientific consensus among climate scientists that human activities, contributing to increases in greenhouse gas emissions, are the dominant cause of climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, children represent a particularly vulnerable group because greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere will continue to accumulate over the coming decades and will profoundly impact our current students throughout their 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**, the Ojai Unified School District recognizes climate change as a generational justice and human rights issue; and

**WHEREAS**, climate change is a social justice and equity issue. While climate change impacts all people and disproportionately impacts all young people and 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; and

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

**WHEREAS**, national and state elected leaders working in a bipartisan fashion to enact carbon pricing policies could substantially reduce human-made greenhouse gas emissions, thereby protecting our current and future students; and

**WHEREAS**, we believe that our graduates need to positively shape the world that is yet to be created environmentally and sustainably; and

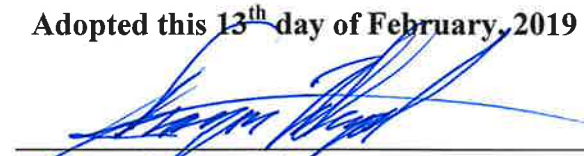
**WHEREAS**, Ojai Unified School District celebrates existing district sustainability initiatives such as:

1. Encouraging environmental K-12 education and climate science
2. Creating edible gardens on campuses and utilizing them in placed-based teaching
3. Reducing our reliance on fossil fuels by installing solar panels across our district
4. Promoting a climate friendly food service including initiatives to increased plant-based and reduce meat based menu planning and food waste reduction programs
5. Installation of LED lighting to reduce energy consumption
6. Supporting school-based green/sustainability initiatives

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ojai Unified School District Board of Education calls on Congress to take swift and effective action on climate change, to protect current and future students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education directs the district secretary to transmit official copies of this resolution to the following: the Superintendent of County Schools, the State Superintendent of Education and the California State Board of Education, the Congressional Climate Solutions Caucus, the California State School Board Association, the National School Board Association, our state and national representatives in Sacramento and Washington D.C., and the Schools for Climate Action campaign.

**Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2019**



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Thayne Whipple, President  
Board of Education