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## **RESOLUTION #18-15**

## **CLIMATE CHANGE**

WHEREAS, we believe it is important for us to advocate for climate action to curtail one of the greatest threats facing communities throughout the world; and,

**WHEREAS**, we believe that climate change should be neither a partisan nor political issue and that policies should be guided by the best available science; and,

WHEREAS, there is broad scientific consensus among climate scientists that human activities contributing to increases in greenhouse gas emissions are the dominant cause in climate change; and,

**WHEREAS**, children represent a particularly vulnerable group because greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere will accumulate over the coming decades and will profoundly impact today's children, throughout their lives as well as the lives of future generations; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education recognizes climate change as a children's issue; 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, we work to ensure that all Santa Cruz County students graduate as "globally-minded citizens"; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education has a responsibility to minimize its greenhouse gas emissions, demonstrate leadership, and provide education and actionable solutions that children can engage in to address climate change; and,

**LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED THAT**, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education shall prepare students to be aware of the correlation of climate change and certain human activities as expressed in the Next Generation Science Standards.

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PASSED and ADOPTED by the Santa Cruz County Board of Education on this  $20^{\text{th}}$  day of September 2018 by the following vote:

AYES: NAYS: ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

Bruce Van Allen, President

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