RESOLUTION

CALL TO CLIMATE ACTION

WHEREAS, we believe it is important 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 not be a partisan nor political 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 in climate change; and,

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

WHEREAS, the ----School Board recognizes climate change as a generational justice and human rights issue; and,

WHEREAS, low-income communities already have higher rates of many health conditions, are more exposed to environmental hazards and take longer to bounce back from natural disasters. These existing inequalities will only be exacerbated due to climate change, the Fourth National Climate Assessment report found; and,

WHEREAS, the school board recognizes how climate change and related climatic impacts will disproportionately impact low-income communities and communities of colors; and,

WHEREAS, students residing in these communities as well as all students should be protected from environmental injustices through direct climate action; and,

WHEREAS, these racial, social and environmental justice components are acknowledged and implemented throughout the committee, curriculum, and recognized by all members of the ----- Unified School District; and,

WHEREAS, we work to ensure that all ----- Unified students graduate as knowledgeable citizens of the world.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of the ----- Unified

School District shall establish and lead a Climate Action Committee to develop recommendations for taking action on climate change that are within the purview of the District, such as:

* Curricular and educational opportunities such as climate literacy, climate advocacy, and climate justice
* Curriculum for developing sustainable practices by conservation and use of renewable resources, climate-friendly food service, efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and other climate-friendly efforts.

The committee shall be open to participation to board members, administration, staff, parents, students and community members and shall provide reports/recommendations as appropriate to the Board of Trustees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ----- Board of Trustees calls on Congress and our State Legislature to swiftly enact common sense state and national climate policies in order to restore the climate and protect young people and future generations; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the ----- Board of Education directs the district clerk to transmit official copies of this resolution to the following: -----