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**A Resolution Officially Recognizing The Global Climate Crisis by LSA Student
Government**

*A bill for the consideration of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student
Government*

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Whereas, the mission of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government (hereafter LSA SG) is to “actively seek the voices of LSA students and advocate their interests to improve academic and non-academic life”;¹ and,

Whereas, the mission of LSA SG Taking Responsibility for the Earth and Environment Subcommittee (hereafter TREES) is to “actively work to improve the lives of LSA students outside of the academic sphere by promoting a culture of sustainability, environmental justice, and environmental awareness.”;² and,

Whereas, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (hereafter IPCC) released a 2018 report with authors from 40 different countries that assessed approximately 30,000 scientific papers to reach a conclusion that current global warming trends suggest we are on track to warm the planet at least 3^o C;³ and,

Whereas, carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions from anthropogenic sources are almost entirely responsible for the rise in global temperatures that has occurred over the past century; and,

Whereas, The 2018 IPCC report asserts that, in order to avoid catastrophic levels of warming, it is necessary to achieve global net zero carbon emissions by the year 2050;³ and,

¹ The Constitution of the College of Literature, Science, and the Arts Student Government. Article II

² The Official LSA SG Bylaws. Purpose of Taking Responsibility for the Earth and the Environment Subcommittee 11.03.00

³ IPCC, 2018: Climate Change and Land: an IPCC special report on climate change, desertification, land degradation, sustainable land management, food security, and greenhouse gas fluxes in terrestrial ecosystems

Whereas, between 2030 and 2050, the World Health Organization estimates 250,000 people will die annually as a result of climate change via malnutrition, dehydration, heat stress, and malaria;⁴ and,

Whereas, LSA SG has a duty to accurately represent the views and passions of the LSA student body; and,

Whereas, the University of Michigan has 97 different student organizations that have express environmental goals and purposes, of which climate change is one of the most paramount, including but is not limited to: The Climate Action Movement at the University of Michigan, Students For Clean Energy, Citizens' Climate Lobby at the University of Michigan, BLUElab, Climate Blue, Epsilon Eta, Environmental Policy Organization, Erb Institute Student Advisory Board, Environmental Law Society, Michigan Energy Club, Net Impact, PiTE Club, Sunrise Ann Arbor, Friends of the Campus Farm, and University of Michigan Sustainable Food Program;⁵ and,

Whereas, the University of Michigan has declared its intentions to achieve carbon neutrality via the President's Commission on Carbon Neutrality (hereafter PCCN); and,

Whereas, the University of Michigan and LSA SG have a vested interest in recognizing the importance and urgency of the Global Climate Crisis as a public institution of higher education.

Be it therefore resolved, LSA SG formally recognizes the importance and urgency of the Global Climate Crisis; and,

Be it further resolved, LSA SG firmly recognizes the scientific fact that climate change and global temperature rise is a result of anthropogenic carbon emissions; and,

Be it further resolved, LSA SG actively make its own operations less carbon-intensive, as well as the operations of the College of LSA e UM Ann Arbor campus.

Be it finally resolved, a copy of this resolution be published to LSA SG social media platforms as well as be sent to the LSA Office of the Dean, UM Office of the Provost, and UM Office of the President.

⁴ WHO. 2014. Climate Change and Health
<https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/climate-change-and-health>

⁵ <https://maizepages.umich.edu/organizations?categories=4212>