



RESOLUTION No. 2010-11-2

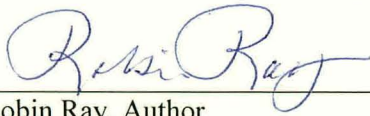
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REFERRED TO: AS COUNCIL
ACTION APPROVED: 4-22-11

SUBJECT: Resolution in Support of the Prompt Adoption of a Climate Action Plan at Humboldt State University

- 1.) **Whereas**, the Associated Students is the official voice of the students of Humboldt State University (HSU); and,
- 2.) **Whereas**, the Fourth Assessment Report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), who reviews and assesses the most recent scientific, technical and socio-economic information produced worldwide, relevant to the understanding of climate change, asserts that there is a global consensus that the world's climate system is unequivocally warming; and,
- 3.) **Whereas**, the IPCC has concluded that most of the warming observed over the last fifty years is attributable to human activities through the emission of excess Greenhouse Gases (GHG) and, in addition, that the influences of anthropogenic climate change are now identifiable based on warming ocean temperatures, changes in the life cycles of plants and animals, atmospheric circulation patterns, and the increasing intensity of some extreme weather events; and,
- 4.) **Whereas**, the impacts of a changing climate are likely to be widespread, long-lasting, and as such lend urgency to taking the steps to addressing human contributions this phenomenon; and,
- 5.) **Whereas**, in 2006 the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB-32) was passed by the California Legislature- a groundbreaking piece of legislation, which seeks to address California's contribution to climate change by establishing goals of reducing GHG emissions 80 percent below 1990 levels by 2050, as well as reduce GHG emissions to 1990 levels by 2020; and,
- 6.) **Whereas**, AB-32 has prompted the adoption of Climate Action Plans (or the equivalent thereof) by 54 cities, and 9 counties in California; and,
- 7.) **Whereas**, 64 Colleges and Universities in California have signed the American University College and University Presidents' Climate Change Commitment, pledging to work on and establish an official Climate Action Plan for their respective institutions; and,
- 8.) **Whereas**, the first steps of a Climate Action Plan, a Scoping Document that includes an updated GHG emissions inventory, will be complete upon the end of the semester by the following members of the Environmental Science Senior Capstone Class: Kristi Morton, Robin Ray, Jeremy Rude and Thorin Somers; and,
- 9.) **Whereas**, Humboldt State University does not have a Climate Action Plan to date; and,

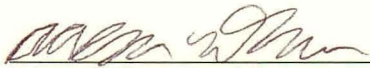
- 10.) **Whereas**, HSU has a reputation for and has long been considered a leader in the study and practice of sustainability and environmental stewardship; therefore, be it
- 11.) **Resolved**, that HSU Associated Students support the use of the Scoping Document resulting from the Environmental Science Senior Capstone Class in HSU's climate action planning; be it further
- 12.) **Resolved**, that HSU Associated Students support the prompt adoption and implementation of a Climate Action Plan at Humboldt State University; and be it finally
- 13.) **Resolved**, that copies of this resolution be sent to the following parties: all HSU College Deans, HSU President Rollin Richmond, all HSU Vice Presidents, the HSU Academic Senate, CSU Chancellor Charles B. Reed, CSU Board of Trustees, the Arcata City Council, House Representative Mike Thompson, State Senator Noreen Evans, Assembly member Wes Chesbro, and Governor Jerry Brown.



Robin Ray, Author



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