

## 2020 Platform Resolution PACG Environmental Forum

### Issue: Addressing Climate Change

Whereas climate change is an existential threat to our nation and our planet;

Whereas the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change from the United Nations has recommended reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030 and reaching net zero by 2050;

Whereas emissions in the US (and other wealthy developed countries) need to decrease at roughly 10% per year, while developing countries have access to the carbon budget, which would allow a more just transition for developing countries; and

Whereas hundreds of environmental and agricultural regulations have been scrapped by the current administration endangering the health of U.S. citizens; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved* that the US must commit to:

1. declaring a climate crisis within the first 30 days of the new administration;
2. reaching the aforementioned emission goals and timelines;
3. a just transition to renewable energy to allow a reasonable carbon budget for developing countries; and,
4. establishing even stronger environmental regulations to protect the health of every citizen by guaranteeing clean water, clean air, and healthy agricultural/food policies.

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