

**RESOLUTION OF THE NAPA COUNTY FIRST 5 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION  
AUTHORIZING THE CALL TO CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION  
ON BEHALF OF ALL NAPA COUNTY'S CHILDREN**

**WHEREAS**, children are our precious future and what happens to our children today will impact us all tomorrow; and

**WHEREAS**, the success of Napa County is measured by the well-being of its children, whose biological and cognitive development occurs within the context of nurturing and stable families, schools, neighborhoods and communities; and

**WHEREAS**, climate change poses threats to human health, safety and security and children are uniquely vulnerable to these threats; and

**WHEREAS**, the effects of climate change on children's wellbeing are direct and vast, including mental health impacts, worsening pregnancy outcomes, food insecurity, hotter and longer heat waves leading to less outdoor play and heat-related illness, an increase in extreme weather events disrupting lives and uprooting families, and health effects brought about by poorer air quality and the spread of infectious diseases; and

**WHEREAS**, the social foundations of children's mental and physical health are threatened by the far-reaching consequences of unchecked climate change including depletion of basic resources such as food and clean water, ecological loss, population displacement and mass migration, climate refugees, failing communities, resulting tensions, and increased risk of conflict; and

**WHEREAS** climate change is a social justice and equity issue impacting all people but particularly young people and future generations, and it disproportionately affects people of color and those in poverty, thereby exacerbating existing inequities and limiting equality of opportunity which is a foundational aspiration of our community and America; and

**WHEREAS**, we are in a climate and ecological emergency of existential proportions, and we must act urgently; and

**WHEREAS**, rising global temperatures due to human activity are causing major physical, chemical, and ecological changes in the planet; and

**WHEREAS**, megafires, drought, extreme weather events, disrupted harvests, and mass extinction of animal and plant species are already part of our lives; and

**WHEREAS**, the most recent Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change released in August 2021 again asserts that "limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius would require rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society" and projected that the Earth could reach and exceed this temperature threshold as early as 2030, far earlier than previously anticipated; and

**WHEREAS**, without a massive effort to reverse the rising global temperatures, life as we know it will continue to collapse, threatening humanity and the natural world; and

**WHEREAS**, given this knowledge, failure to take prompt, substantive action would be an act of injustice to all children with profound negative impact throughout their lives, as well as the lives of future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, to preserve the health and longevity of Earth for generations to come, it is the responsibility of the Napa County community to take collective action to help stabilize global temperatures and prevent disproportionate impacts by holding those in positions of power accountable for responding to the climate crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, the urgency and magnitude of the challenge of addressing climate change calls for courageous leadership in all sectors of society by acknowledging that a climate emergency threatens the children and people of Napa County and responding with the necessary emergency measures

**LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED**, that the Napa County First 5 Children and Families Commission supports and promotes local, state and federal policies and practices that mitigate the impacts of climate change, and protect the health, safety and well-being of Napa county's current and future residents and workforce.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Napa County First 5 Children and Families Commission will adopt climate education and advocacy as part of its next 3-year strategic plan, which will include an annual workplan defining goals, objectives and implementation strategies.

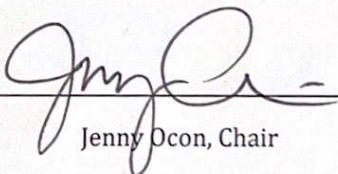
**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Napa County First 5 Children and Families Commission, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2022, by the following vote;

AYES: Gonzalez-Mares; Cisneros; Grupe; Lind; Oco'n; Keenig;

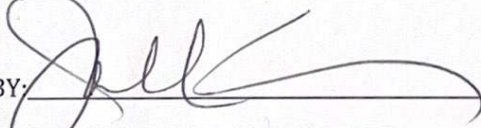
NOES: Wegenknecht, Yasumoto

ABSENT:           

ABSTAIN:           

BY:   
Jenny Ocon, Chair

ATTEST:

BY:   
Joelle Gallagher, Executive Director