

WHEREAS, Experts conclude we have a little over 10 years to begin rapidly reducing our global carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) was established by the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Meteorological Organization in 1988 to provide policymakers with regular scientific assessments concerning climate change and its implications and potential future risks, as well as to put forward adaptation and mitigation strategies; and

WHEREAS, The IPCC is the leading world body for assessing the science related to climate change, its impacts and potential future risks, and possible response options; and

WHEREAS, The IPCC recently released a special report, the full name of which is “Global Warming of 1.5°C, an IPCC special report on the impacts of global warming of 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels and related global greenhouse gas emission pathways, in the context of strengthening the global response to the threat of climate change, sustainable development, and efforts to eradicate poverty”; and

WHEREAS, The IPCC report compares the impacts of climate change at 1.5 degree Celsius to 2 degrees Celsius and found that a change of overall climate of 2 degrees Celsius will result in more heat-related deaths, smaller crop yields, more people in poverty, and slower economic growth; and

WHEREAS, Preventing global temperatures from increasing is possible, but will require the complete transformation of our economy and unprecedented global cooperation; and

WHEREAS, The human impacts of climate change are real and felt now, from the new year-round wildfire season in California to the devastating hurricanes in Puerto Rico and Texas; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing the level of death and destruction occurring today at just over 1 degree Celsius of global warming, the protection of public health and the achievement of global climate justice requires the reversal of global warming; and

WHEREAS, The emissions that accelerate climate change are also proven to cause serious harm to human health, and emissions from transportation, natural disasters like wildfires, fossil fuels, and industrial facilities create unhealthy air quality; and

WHEREAS, Carbon-emitting facilities, which are concentrated in low-income communities and communities of color, also release toxic copollutants that harm health, quality of life, and cause premature death; and

WHEREAS, Low-income communities of color face higher exposure to pollutants and are more vulnerable to the impacts of climate change; and

WHEREAS, Studies show that despite California’s climate policies in-state carbon emissions have increased in certain sectors, primarily located in disadvantaged communities, thereby exacerbating poor air quality; and

WHEREAS, Californians and Americans across the country are still recovering from the devastation of the 2008 economic recession and many still feel high levels of economic anxiety surrounding job security and compensation; and

WHEREAS, Recognizing that transitioning off of fossil fuels, while necessary, may cause negative economic consequences, and workers and communities that have borne the burden of fossil fuel extraction and use must have a just and equitable transition to a zero-emissions future; and



WHEREAS, Many Americans do not believe that the economy is designed to work for them and is instead designed to favor wealthy elites; and

WHEREAS, Too often, people are told that they need to make the impossible choice between clean air or water and a job that provides for their families; and

WHEREAS, California leads the nation in climate leadership by moving towards 100 percent clean energy with the passage of The 100 Percent Clean Energy Act of 2018 (Chapter 312 of the Statutes of 2018) and significantly reducing emissions of greenhouse gases with the implementation of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (Division 25.5 (commencing with Section 38500) of the Health and Safety Code) and continues to lead in particular by centering these changes on the needs of environmental justice communities; and

WHEREAS, This leadership has allowed California to oversee unprecedented growth in clean energy industries and job growth and make it home to almost one-third of renewable energy jobs and one out of seven clean energy jobs nationally; and

WHEREAS, California's new Governor, Gavin Newsom, has recommitted to this climate leadership and has addressed the need for our climate policies to be comprehensive and include thoughtful protections and training opportunities for workers; and

WHEREAS, In his January budget, Governor Newsom proposed \$27 million for Apprenticeships for a Green Economy, funding that will be used to create entry-level channels for disadvantaged workers to begin new career paths in the clean energy economy; this includes \$5 million for a worker transition fund that will provide for income replacement and retraining for displaced workers; and

WHEREAS, Communities across California have long recognized the need for an unprecedented transformation and mass mobilizations to address our climate crisis and have implemented innovative and creative solutions across the state, including climate emergency declarations and working to create climate emergency mobilization departments, establishing green zones that promote green practices, and increasing access to renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, Communities whose health and well-being have historically been harmed by carbon-emitting operations have long worked toward reformative measures to create a just transition to a renewable energy-based economy that will improve the health and economic well-being of the most impacted communities and workers—for example, frontline communities played a key role in creating an unprecedented investment that will bring solar rooftops to low-income renters in multifamily housing, which will create jobs, bring energy savings to low-income communities, and reduce reliance on dirty energy; and

WHEREAS, The Green New Deal, a monumental national mobilization plan that will address climate change and economic justice by requiring the United States economy to be neutral with respect to emissions of greenhouse gases within 10 years, while creating pathways to high-income work for all Americans, will build on the New Deal's example of the scale of investment and innovation required to address the national security threat that the global climate emergency represents; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of California, jointly, That the Legislature encourages the United States Congress to enact legislation for a Green New Deal that does all of the following:*



(1) Comprehensively addresses our current climate emergency and transforms our economy to one that places the health and wellness of communities at its center, promotes ecological resilience, and restores biodiversity; and

(2) Authentically includes the leadership and voices of underrepresented communities via a process that is transparent, inclusive, and democratic; and

(3) Centers on a “just transition” and places the economic needs and well-being of workers and frontline communities at the forefront, and as we make this immense economic transformation, policies should ensure that vulnerable communities are not again left behind; and

(4) Respects tribal sovereignty; and

(5) Creates family supporting jobs within the expanding green economy; and be it further

*Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the Majority Leader of the Senate, and to each Senator and Representative from California in the Congress of the United States.

