**Making Waves Academy Board of Directors Resolution**

**in Support of the Climate Justice Student Club**

**WHEREAS,** we believe it is important to advocate for action climate change to curtail one of the greatest threats facing communities throughout the world; and,

**WHEREAS,** we believe that climate change is not a partisan issue and that local, state, and national policies should be guided by science; and,

**WHEREAS,** science is clear that fossil fuels are a significant contributor to the greenhouse gas emissions that are the dominant cause of climate change; and,

**WHEREAS,** children represent a particularly vulnerable group because greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere will continue to accumulate over the coming decades and will profoundly impact our current students throughout their lives, as well as the lives of future generations; and,

**WHEREAS,** in 2015 the California PTA has declared climate change a children’s issue and in 2019, the [National Black Council of School Board Members](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://schoolsforclimateaction.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/9/2/109230709/national_black_council_resolution_2.28.19.pdf&sa=D&source=editors&ust=1614642814387000&usg=AOvVaw361PFZhWETxSUY8KHuGuKo), the National Hispanic Council of School Board Members, the [California Association of School Psychologists](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://schoolsforclimateaction.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/9/2/109230709/climate_change_resolution_2019.pdf&sa=D&source=editors&ust=1614642814388000&usg=AOvVaw2e6oBqTFKFuefKql-jmuHV), the [California Association of Student Councils](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://schoolsforclimateaction.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/9/2/109230709/the_california_association_of_student_councils%25E2%2580%2599_commitment_to_sustainability-3.pdf&sa=D&source=editors&ust=1614642814388000&usg=AOvVaw0-VwTgOXmLEH5V3oIhGt0L), and the [National Association of School Nurses](https://www.google.com/url?q=https://schoolsforclimateaction.weebly.com/uploads/1/0/9/2/109230709/national_association_of_school_nurses_2019.pdf&sa=D&source=editors&ust=1614642814389000&usg=AOvVaw2beUYrkJ65QLiVUZ_makoe) all passed climate action resolutions or position statements; and

**WHEREAS**, climate silence is a form of climate inaction and the Climate Psychiatry Alliance asserts that lack of climate action from institutions like schools “has multiple traumatic effects on children including demoralization, development of hopelessness and defiance, and experiences of neglect and abuse that are associated with poor long term educational and emotional outcomes;" and

**WHEREAS,** we recognize climate change as an issue of both generational and social justice because while climate change impacts all people, it disproportionately impacts young people, people of color and people in poverty, thereby exacerbating existing inequities and limiting equality of opportunity which is a foundational aspiration for modern America; and

**WHEREAS,** we believe that history has shown that grass roots economic and political pressure can bring about critical necessary change when broadly supported and that educational institutions bear a particular responsibility to foster environments in which their students feel empowered to do so in pursuit of a better future;

**LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED THAT**, Making Waves Academy Board of Directors supports and applauds the actions of the Climate Justice Club to address the global emergency of climate change; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Board supports the club’s call for CalSTRS divestiture from the fossil fuel industry;

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the Board of Education directs the Chief of Staff to transmit official copies of this resolution to the following: the CalSTRS Teachers’ Retirement Board, Superintendent of County Schools, the MWA School Site Council, and the MWA Associated Student Body.

Passed on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_by a vote of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.