

**Sebastopol Independent Charter School
Climate Change Resolution 2018-04-09**

Approved April 9, 2018

WHEREAS, We believe it is important for us to acknowledge climate change as a significant threat facing communities throughout the world; and,

WHEREAS, We believe that climate change should be neither a partisan nor political issue and that policies should be guided by the best available science; and,

WHEREAS, There is broad scientific consensus among climate scientists that human activities contributing to increases in greenhouse gas emissions are the dominant cause in climate change; and,

WHEREAS, Children represent a vulnerable group because greenhouse gases emitted into the atmosphere will, if unchecked, accumulate over coming decades and may profoundly impact today's children throughout their lives as well as the lives of future generations; and,

WHEREAS, Sebastopol Independent Charter School recognizes climate change as a children's issue; and

WHEREAS, The global impact, urgency and magnitude of the challenge of addressing climate change calls for leadership in all sectors of society, all institutions and all elected leaders; and,

WHEREAS, We work to ensure that all Sebastopol Independent Charter School students graduate as "globally-minded citizens"; and,

WHEREAS, Sebastopol Independent Charter School has a responsibility to minimize its greenhouse gas emissions, demonstrate leadership, and provide education and actionable solutions that children can engage in to address climate change, and

LET IT THEREFORE BE RESOLVED THAT, Sebastopol Independent Charter School shall develop recommendations for taking action on climate change that are within the purview of the School, such as: curricular and educational opportunities; facilities and operational priorities and projects; targets for reducing School greenhouse gas emissions; and, engagement with local, state and federal jurisdictions.