

## **League of Women Voters (LWV) - Climate Emergency Resolution Passed at the 2022 National Convention of the League of Women Voters of the United States**

*The League is a trusted source of information in our communities. Through this resolution we add our voice to the many others, domestically and worldwide, demanding treatment of climate change as the emergency that it is. Through public education and citizen advocacy around a Climate Emergency Declaration the League brings our expertise to this critical action.*

### **RESOLUTION ADOPTED by the LWVUS CONVENTION June 2022**

**Whereas**, an environmental condition adversely affecting Earth and its inhabitants once referred to as “climate change” has advanced to become a *climate emergency* including:

Ocean acidification, damage to marine ecosystems and food sources, and a rise in sea levels resulting in flooding and the displacement of coastal businesses and residences;

Extreme weather events, including extremes of temperature as well as increasingly devastating storms and wildfires, causing severe harm to America’s agriculture, forestry and tourism industries;

Adverse impacts on human health, as well as the introduction of new vectors for infectious disease, and

Species extinctions and related threats to biodiversity, with accompanying grave impacts on food and water security, economic security, and social-emotional wellbeing, and

**Whereas**, the world’s leading climate scientists predict that the climate crisis will catastrophically intensify if prompt public action is not taken through public policy and legislation to curb emissions, and remove atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> through natural and technological sequestration, and

**Whereas**, the climate crisis disproportionately afflicts the most vulnerable among us: members of indigenous nations, people of color, rural and coastal communities and low-income households in general—all of whom have fewer resources to cope with the common consequences of climate change, such as property damage, displacement, job loss, and health problems, and

**Whereas**, prompt and robust mobilization of civil society acting in concert with all levels of government to achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions is necessary to avert, or even to mitigate, the progressive and increasingly catastrophic deterioration of Earth’s environment and with it, massive societal disruption;

### **Therefore, be it resolved,**

We, as delegates of local Leagues assembled at the 2022 LWVUS Convention, call upon the LWV US Board and state and local Leagues to urge state and local governments to adopt and publicize Declarations of Climate Emergency appropriate to local conditions and take appropriate action to implement the Declarations of Climate Emergency.

