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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Scientists from 13 federal agencies have noted that thousands of studies, conducted by tens of thousands of scientists, have documented climate changes on land and in the air; and

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WHEREAS, The National Climate Assessment Report, which is congressionally mandated every four years, finds it "extremely likely" that more than half of the global mean temperature increase since 1951 can be linked to human influence, stating: "Many lines of evidence demonstrate that human activities, especially emissions of greenhouse gases, are primarily responsible for the observed climate changes over the last 15 decades. There are no alternative explanations. There are no apparent natural cycles in the observational record that can explain the recent changes in climate."; and

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WHEREAS, The report cites the European heat wave of 2003 and the record heat in Australia in 2013 as specific episodes where "relatively strong evidence" showed that a man-made factor contributed to the extreme weather and concludes that it is "extremely likely" that more than half of the global mean temperature increase since 1951 can be linked to human influence; and

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1 WHEREAS, Extreme weather resulting from climate change
2 poses a grave threat in Illinois to the economy,
3 infrastructure, agriculture, forestry, transportation, air and
4 water quality, and the health of its citizens; and

5 WHEREAS, Public statements from the Trump administration
6 indicate that no action is coming from the federal government
7 on this issue; and

8 WHEREAS, If we do not act now, the consequences for the
9 country and the State will be devastating and irreversible;
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE
12 HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE
13 CONCURRING HEREIN, that we urge President Trump to acknowledge
14 the conclusions found in the National Climate Assessment
15 Report, and we urge the President and the United States
16 Congress to immediately begin taking action to curb greenhouse
17 gas emissions; and be it further

18 RESOLVED, That we urge the Illinois Environmental
19 Protection Agency to report back to the General Assembly with a
20 range of options for reducing greenhouse gas emissions in lieu
21 of federal action, focusing on solutions that create jobs and
22 aid the transition to a clean energy economy, protect

1 environmental justice communities and consumers, and also
2 reduce pollutants that cause or exacerbate asthma and other
3 respiratory health problems; and be it further

4 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
5 delivered to President Donald Trump, U.S. Senate Majority
6 Leader Mitch McConnell, U.S. Senate Minority Leader Chuck
7 Schumer, U.S. Speaker of the House Paul Ryan, U.S. House of
8 Representatives Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, all members of
9 the Illinois Congressional Delegation, and the Illinois
10 Environmental Protection Agency.