

1 Title: **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF**
2 **WASHINGTON'S FOCUS THE NATION EVENT**

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10 WHEREAS, Climate change has been recognized globally as an issue of enormous
11 importance; and

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13 WHEREAS, The education of students regarding the threat of climate change as
14 well as possible solutions should be a crucial priority in order to empower
15 students to make practical and environmentally sustainable lifestyle choices; and

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17 WHEREAS, The University of Washington has begun to address climate change
18 solutions by signing the American College & University Presidents Climate Commitment
19 in March, 2007; and

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21 WHEREAS, Focus the Nation is a national campaign designed to create a dialogue about
22 climate change solutions at over a thousand colleges, universities, high schools, middle
23 schools, civic organizations and businesses; and

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25 WHEREAS, The University of Washington is hosting a Focus the Nation event on
26 January 31, 2008; and

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28 WHEREAS, President Mark Emmert has signed a statement supporting the goals of the
29 University of Washington's Focus the Nation event;

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31 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

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33 THAT, GPSS recognizes the importance of taking a progressive stance on climate
34 change; and

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36 THAT, GPSS supports efforts of Focus the Nation to educate the University of
37 Washington campus as well as the larger Seattle community about climate change; and

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39 THAT, GPSS endorses the following statement and course of action formulated by the
40 national Focus the Nation organizing committee:

41 "Global warming poses a serious threat to people and natural systems across the planet.
42 Public and private policy decisions about global warming this decade will have impacts
43 lasting for generations. To focus the nation's attention on this crucial issue, [the
44 University of Washington, Seattle,] in conjunction with colleges, universities, and high
45 schools across the country, will organize a symposium about 'Global Warming Solutions
46 for America' on or around January 31 2008. On that day, faculty are strongly encouraged

47 to travel with their classes to attend scheduled programs about climate change or to
48 discuss it with their own students. The symposium program committee will work with
49 interested faculty to develop appropriate material for their classes and to insure that
50 diverse disciplines are represented in symposium panels and workshops;” and

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52 THAT, GPSS further encourages the participation of students, faculty, and staff in the
53 University of Washington’s Focus the Nation event.

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56 *Approved on December 5, 2007*