

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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36 THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

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

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

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

46 Global warming poses a serious threat to people and natural systems across the
47 planet. Public and private policy decisions about global warming this decade will
48 have impacts lasting for generations. To focus the nation's attention on this
49 crucial issue, [the University of Washington, Seattle,] in conjunction with
50 colleges, universities, and high schools across the country, will organize a
51 symposium about 'Global Warming Solutions for America' on or around January
52 31 2008. On that day, faculty are strongly encouraged to travel with their classes
53 to attend scheduled programs about climate change or to discuss it with their own
54 students. The symposium program committee will work with interested faculty to
55 develop appropriate material for their classes and to insure that diverse disciplines
56 are represented in symposium panels and workshops

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59 THAT, GPSS further encourages the participation of students, faculty, and staff in the
60 University of Washington's Focus the Nation event.

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62 *Submitted on November 14, 2007*

63 *Approved on December 5, 2007*