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Introduced by  
Senator Quezada

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING GOVERNMENTAL ACTIONS TO END GLOBAL WARMING.

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1           Whereas, the October 2018 report entitled "Special Report on Global  
2 Warming of 1.5 degrees Celsius" by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate  
3 Change and the November 2018 Fourth National Climate Assessment report  
4 found that human activity is the dominant cause of observed climate change  
5 over the past century; and

6           Whereas, this climate change is a cause of rising sea levels and  
7 increasing wildfires, severe storms, droughts and other extreme weather  
8 events that threaten human life, healthy communities and critical  
9 infrastructure; and

10           Whereas, global warming at or above two degrees Celsius beyond  
11 preindustrial levels will cause mass migration from the regions most  
12 affected by climate change and will result in more than \$500,000,000,000  
13 in lost annual economic output in the United States by the year 2100; and

14           Whereas, by 2050, wildfires will annually burn at least twice as  
15 much forest area in the western United States than was typically burned by  
16 wildfires in the years preceding 2019; and

17           Whereas, by 2050, there is an expected loss of more than 99 percent  
18 of all coral reefs, and more than 350,000,000 people globally will be  
19 exposed to deadly heat stress; and

20           Whereas, global warming at or above two degrees Celsius may cause up  
21 to \$1,000,000,000,000 in damage to public infrastructure and coastal real  
22 estate in the United States; and

23           Whereas, global temperatures must be kept below one and one-half  
24 degrees Celsius above preindustrial levels to avoid the most severe  
25 impacts of a changing climate. Greenhouse gas emissions from human  
26 sources must be reduced by 40 to 60 percent by 2030 and net zero global  
27 emissions must be achieved by 2050; and

28           Whereas, historically responsible for a disproportionate amount of  
29 greenhouse gas emissions, the United States must take a leading role in  
30 reducing emissions through economic transformation; and

31           Whereas, climate change, pollution and environmental destruction  
32 have exacerbated systemic racial, regional, social, environmental and  
33 economic injustices by disproportionately affecting indigenous peoples,  
34 communities of color, migrant communities, deindustrialized communities,  
35 depopulated rural communities, the poor, low-income workers, women, the  
36 elderly, the unhoused, people with disabilities and youth; and

37           Whereas, climate change constitutes a direct threat to the national  
38 security of the United States by impacting the economic, environmental and  
39 social stability of countries and communities around the world and by  
40 acting as a threat multiplier.

1 Therefore

2 Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of  
3 Representatives concurring:

4 1. That the Legislature supports action by all levels of  
5 government, including state government, to enact policies that will  
6 achieve net zero greenhouse gas emissions through a fair and just  
7 transition for all communities and workers and secure, for all Arizonans  
8 for generations to come, clean air and water, climate and community  
9 resiliency, healthy food, access to nature and a sustainable environment.

10 2. That the Legislature supports developing climate policy through  
11 transparent and inclusive consultation, collaboration and partnership with  
12 frontline and vulnerable communities, labor unions, worker cooperatives,  
13 civil society groups, academia and businesses.