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RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal governments, and the private sector, to recognize their obligation to address climate change and take action to achieve the following goals:

- Reduce U.S. greenhouse gas emissions to net zero or below as soon as possible, consistent with the latest peer-reviewed science, and
- Contribute the U.S. fair share to holding the increase in the global average temperature to the lowest possible increase above pre-industrial levels;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges Congress to enact legislation that would:

- Utilize a broad range of legal mechanisms, including but not limited to market-based mechanisms and removal of legal barriers to reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, to achieve the goals set out above.
- Utilize a broad range of legal mechanisms to encourage and enable adaptation to climate change by federal, state, local, territorial, and tribal governments, and the private sector.
- Provide for a just transition for the people and places most dependent on the carbon economy.
- Recognize and incorporate sustainable development principles in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate change, in order to simultaneously promote economic development, social well-being, national security, and environmental protection;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges the United States government to: (1) engage in active and constructive international discussions under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and its progeny, and (2) remain in, negotiate, or ratify treaties and other agreements to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the American Bar Association urges lawyers to engage in pro bono activities to aid efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to climate change, and to advise their clients of the risks and opportunities that climate change provides.