

**RESOLUTION 0013**  
**STUDENT GOVERNMENT BOARD**  
**University of Pittsburgh**  
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**Introduced by Board Member Ryan Gayman**

**Co-sponsored by Board President Molly Stieber and Board Members John Hasley, Emily Hoover, Lauren Jentleson, James Landreneau, Matthew Riehle, and Zach Weber, Alex Zimmerman**

**Whereas**, climate change is an extremely important issue to our generation and future generations;

**Whereas**, the University of Pittsburgh’s commitment to “contribute to social, intellectual, and economic development in the Commonwealth, the nation, and the world” calls to action students, faculty, and administrators to influence society, to employ their multitude of capable minds and resources, and to utilize their diversity of skills so that we may address the issue of climate change and accomplish the goal of carbon neutrality;

**Whereas**, six-Hundred Seventy-Seven institutions of higher education around the United States have come together under the **American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment (ACUPCC)** in order to demonstrate their dedication to actively addressing the issue of climate change; and,

**Whereas**, The ACUPCC is a nationwide effort to mitigate climate change by garnering institutional commitments to neutralize greenhouse gas emissions, and to accelerate the research and educational efforts of higher education to equip society to re-stabilize the Earth’s climate;

**Whereas**, The ACUPCC involves setting target dates and goals, taking short term, tangible actions, developing a comprehensive plan, and tracking progress for becoming climate neutral;

**Whereas**, The University of Pittsburgh can reduce long-term energy costs, attract excellent students and faculty, attract new sources of funding, and increase the support of alumni and local communities;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, On this 1st of March, in the year 2011 that the Student Government Board of the University of Pittsburgh recognizes the magnitude of the issue of climate change and implores the administration to address this issue by signing the American College and University Presidents’ Climate Commitment to actively work towards achieving carbon-neutrality.

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