

## SENATE RESOLUTION OF 23 JANUARY 2018

### RECITALS:

**Whereas**, the Utah way of life depends fundamentally upon its natural resources, beautiful scenery, wilderness: this encompasses its desert, mountains and red rock country; its snowpack, rivers, streams, alpine lakes, high desert lakes, including the Great Salt Lake; its arches, fins, hoodoos, and other rock formations; and its hiking, horse and mountain bike trails.

**And whereas**, Utah's economy and the health and well-being of its people depend on its ecological integrity and natural environment;

**And whereas**, climate change threatens the health and well-being of the people of Utah, our outdoor recreational industry, agriculture, wild life, sport fishing and hunting, hiking, skiing, climbing, biking and overall way of life;

**And whereas**, universities can be, at their best, leaders on issues of great importance to our nation, state and region;

**And whereas**, universities around the world, our nation, and state are taking the lead on climate change by adopting the Climate Change Leadership Statement and its Carbon commitment, copies of which are attached to this resolution and incorporated by reference;

**And whereas**, the University of Utah, Utah State University, Weber State University, and Westminster College have already demonstrated such leadership in signing on to and committing to carbon neutrality by a date certain;

### RESOLUTION:

#### **Now therefore, be it resolved:**

That the Faculty Senate of Utah Valley University calls upon the administration of Utah Valley University, the largest and fastest growing university in Utah, to commit to achieving carbon neutrality, similar to that provided by the Climate Change Leadership statement, by a date not less than that which is applicable to our sister Utah universities.

On behalf of the Faculty Senate for Utah Valley University

This 23 January 2018:

By:

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Craig Thulin  
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