

**ASSOCIATED STUDENTS OF COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY  
FORTY-SIXTH SENATE  
TWENTY-THIRD SESSION  
FEBURARY 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2017**

**RESOLUTION #4615  
In Support of the Colorado State University Renewable Energy Pledge**

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ABSTRACT: Colorado State University has recently signed a pledge to use 100 % renewable energy on campus by 2030. ASCSU would like to express support of the pledge.

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WHEREAS

Colorado State University President Tony Frank signed a pledge on January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017 alongside Plymouth State University to commit the universities to reach 100 percent renewable energy usage by 2030; and,

WHEREAS

The university is currently spending \$12 million for electrical costs on all three campuses (Main, South, Foothills); and,

WHEREAS

In 2016, 50 percent of greenhouse gas emissions were from the generation and use of electricity; and,

WHEREAS

Colorado State University currently utilizes 30 solar arrays for the generation of electricity on campus; and,

WHEREAS

Colorado State University adopted a Climate Action Plan in 2010 which committed the university to climate neutrality (no net greenhouse gas emissions) by 2050 and the adoption of this plan is an acceleration of the original plan; and,

WHEREAS

More than 4,300 students, faculty, and staff signed the petition with further endorsements from the Green Guard, Live Green Team, and President’s Sustainability Committee; and,

WHEREAS

Colorado State University is a leader in terms of sustainability and renewable innovation as evidenced the Platinum-status STARS rating, a global first, and the world-class research conducted at this institution; so,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED

That it is essential for this pledge to be carried out for the benefit of the Colorado State University campus, future generations of students, and the environment; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That the Forty-Sixth Senate of the Associated Students of Colorado State University endorses the pledge signed by President Frank, and urges follow-through and commitment to reaching the expressed goal; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That the Forty-Sixth Senate recognizes the work and dedication of the students involved in the Climate Reality Project in getting signature, educating students, and reaching out to the administration; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That the Forty-Sixth Senate requests that the administration look into ways to engage students in the process in which the University will attempt to reach the pledge, such as but not limited to: internships or volunteer opportunities around renewable energy implementation like budgeting, planning and construction, or health and safety evaluations; and,

THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY FURTHER RESOLVED

That a copy of this legislation be forwarded to Dr. Tony Frank, Colorado State University President; and Dr. Blanche Hughes, Vice President for Student Affairs;

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TAGS: Renewable energy, Pledge, Colorado State University

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