

The University of Connecticut

Renewed Commitment to Campus Sustainability and Climate Action: Impact Assessment, Mitigation and Adaptation

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The scientific evidence about climate change supports predictions of increased or more variable temperatures, more frequent or more intense storms, and sea level rise. The consequences of climate change to the planet and to society are substantial, representing one of the most pressing challenges to face humankind in the 21st Century, with ramifications for agriculture, energy, natural resources, public health, transportation and infrastructure. Accordingly, climate change impact assessment, mitigation and adaptation measures must be incorporated into strategies for attaining sustainability at local, state, federal and global scales.

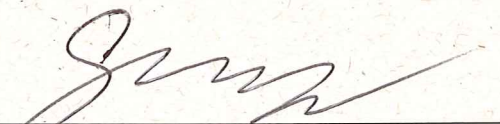
Whereas, in recognition of the State of Connecticut's deep interests in understanding, mitigating, and adapting to climate change by developing long-term sustainability and environmental stewardship practices and policies;

Whereas, dedicated involvement and science-informed actions by government, institutions, and individuals are necessary to minimize the negative consequences of climate change to human society as well as to natural and cultural resources; and

Whereas, the University of Connecticut remains firmly committed to the values and principles of environmental leadership, as demonstrated by the strength of its related operational practices and policies and education, research and outreach programs.

Now therefore, be it resolved, I, the undersigned, on behalf of the University of Connecticut, do hereby reaffirm and renew the University's:

- Dedication to sustainability and environmental stewardship;
- Determination to take steps to enhance public awareness and deepen societal understanding of climate change and climate change impacts, while acting responsibly to reduce the University's ecological footprint and to help others minimize those impacts in pursuit of a more sustainable society; and
- Pledge pursuant to *The American College & University Presidents' Climate Commitment* and the implementation and periodic update of the University's *2010 Climate Action Plan*, including herewith my approval of the *2012 Climate Adaptation Amendment* to that Plan.



Susan Herbst, President