BRUU Climate Change Resolution passed by Board of Directors on August 20, 2020

Whereas climate change is one of the most serious challenges facing the world today, posing serious risks to vulnerable human populations and the interdependent web of all existence, of which we are a part;

Whereas the solution to the climate crisis is to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases (often measured as a carbon footprint); and

Whereas we need deep emission cuts within the next decade if we are to avert irreversible, serious changes in the climate system;

Bull Run Unitarian Universalists (BRUU) hereby resolves to minimize or neutralize our carbon footprint in our own facilities, and to encourage our members and friends to minimize their footprint at home and in their transportation practices.

Furthermore, BRUU calls upon the United States Congress to enact legislation in support of carbon pricing, which economists and policy analysts agree is the most cost-effective and durable approach to achieve deep, economy-wide cuts in emissions. In particular, BRUU endorses the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (H.R. 763), or similar legislation, and we urge Congress to enact such legislation before the end of 2021.

BRUU also calls upon Virginia, Prince William County, Fairfax County, Manassas City, Manassas Park City, and other local jurisdictions to take actions at the state and local level to reduce greenhouse gases and to increase resilience to climate change.