

## 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### RESOLUTION #1

#### Global Climate Emergency

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**WE RESOLVE:**

**THAT** CHF BC endorse the efforts of individuals, communities, and all levels of government in declaring a global climate emergency;

**AND THAT** the CHF BC board report back to members on an annual basis on how the organization's tools, resources and programs are helping member housing co-ops become more environmentally sustainable and resilient;

**AND THAT** CHF BC urge its members to have internal discussions with their own members on how they can take tangible steps to reduce their co-op's impact on the environment.

**REASONS FOR THIS RESOLUTION:**

1. The sustainability of housing co-operatives and the community housing movement is reliant on the sustainability of our planet.
2. According to the United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change there are less than twelve years left to reduce climate change in order to avoid severe drought, floods, forest fires, extreme heat and poverty for hundreds of millions of people.
3. The Seventh [International Co-operative Principle](#) – Concern for Community – includes environmental stewardship, and British Columbia's housing co-ops have long demonstrated a deep concern for environmental sustainability.
4. CHF BC has long been an environmental sustainability leader, including being the first carbon neutral federation of housing co-ops in the country in 2008.

5. CHF BC believes that housing co-operatives play an important role in responding to the climate emergency. They offer an affordable and secure way to shift from single family homes to a more sustainable mode of living through densification, reduced energy use, and shared amenities. Our well-established community-oriented approach also provides resilient support systems to deal with the emotional distress and anxiety associated with extreme weather events.

**COST:**

To be determined.