

## RUSA Resolution S20 - 08

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## **Resolution to Endorse S.E.A.'s Letter to President Holloway**

*Whereas*, climate change is an existential threat to both Rutgers - New Brunswick's local area, and globally in every region of the world;

*Whereas,* Rutgers University has done substantially less than the other Big Ten Universities in regards to addressing sustainability concerns on campus and creating initiatives to lessen the impact of climate change;

Whereas, the Rutgers University Students for Environmental Awareness has written a letter<sup>1</sup>, in which a multitude of environmental, social justice, and cultural organizations on campus have signed onto, to the incoming Rutgers President, Dr. Jonathan Holloway, which lists three separate demands of action for the university to undertake immediately;

*Whereas*, it is imperative that Rutgers University takes administrative action as listed in the letter to protect their students and do their part in addressing the climate crisis;

*Whereas*, the Rutgers University Student Assembly has a responsibility towards advocating for the needs of all students and their well-being, especially in regards to universal sustainability issues;

*Be it hereby resolved*, the Rutgers University Student Assembly formally signs the Students for Environmental Awareness' letter to President Holloway;

**Be it hereby resolved,** the University Affairs committee of the Rutgers University Student Assembly will advocate for the listed reforms stated in the letter whilst in collaboration with other departments, committees, and non-RUSA organizations advocating for the same goals.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Rutgers Sustainability Coalition Letter to President Holloway, provided by Mollie Passacantando