

**RESOLUTION OF THE UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF
TRUSTEES IN SUPPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY’S
CONTINUED ENFORCEMENT OF THE 2009 GREENHOUSE GAS
ENDANGERMENT FINDING**

WHEREAS, the United Independent School District (“District”) Board of Trustees (“Board”) recognizes local concerns related to air quality in the City of Laredo;

WHEREAS, on July 29, 2025, the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”), a federal agency established to protect human health and the environment by developing and enforcing environmental regulations, proposed to rollback its 2009 Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding and all motor vehicle greenhouse gas standards;

WHEREAS, the 2009 Endangerment Finding that a mix of six greenhouse gases endangers public health and welfare represents a scientific determination based on evidence;

WHEREAS, the 2009 Endangerment Finding is a legal prerequisite for regulation of greenhouse gas emissions, allowing EPA to reduce harmful pollution from power plants, cars and trucks, and oil and gas operations, and the increase in emissions and resulting climatic impacts will be harmful if the Finding is rescinded by the EPA;

WHEREAS, the District is located in the City of Laredo, which is the largest land port of entry in the United States with tens of thousands of commercial trucks crossing the international bridges between Mexico and Laredo each day;

WHEREAS, it is highly likely that harmful greenhouse gas emissions will increase dramatically if the 2009 Endangerment Finding is rescinded by the EPA;

WHEREAS, the 2009 Endangerment Finding also protects the community from the harmful effects of climate change, which said effects can impact the Rio Grande River, the main source of water for the Laredo and District area;

WHEREAS, diesel and gas engine emissions can be health hazards and lead to increased risks of respiratory illnesses;;

WHEREAS, the District has already taken steps to proactively protect the health and safety of its students and staff with regards to air quality, including but not limited to installing enhanced air filtration systems in its elementary campuses and using clean diesel fuels for its school buses;

AND WHEREAS, the District’s top priority is the delivery of a high-quality public education to all of its students in a safe and healthy learning environment;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees for the United Independent School District hereby urges the Environmental Protection Agency to continue to uphold the 2009 Greenhouse Gas Endangerment Finding and Motor Vehicles Greenhouse Gas Standards;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the District's Superintendent to take such further and necessary action to ensure that students, parents, and guardians are protected from the effects of harmful greenhouse gases, vehicle emissions, and climate change while on District property.

APPROVED, PASSED, AND ADOPTED on _____, 20__, by the United Independent School District Board of Trustees.

APPROVED:

Javier Montemayor, Jr.
Board President

ATTEST:

Michelle Molina
Board Secretary