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## Western New York Climate Justice Pledge

**WHEREAS** the climate crisis, a grave threat to life on earth, is a paramount moral imperative of our time.

**WHEREAS** climate change is already causing severe stress on life across the globe such as intense storms, extreme heat, extinction, floods, droughts, crop failures, disease, water and food shortages.

**WHEREAS** the climate crisis is a moral crisis that requires, as Pope Francis has said, *justice for the earth and for the poor*.

**WHEREAS** the climate crisis is caused by the rapid increase of greenhouse gases through burning of fossil fuels.

**WHEREAS** there is a *fierce urgency* to act. As Martin Luther King, Jr. warned us *there is such a thing as being too late*.

### **NOW, THEREFORE**

We, the Citizens of Western New York, **call on the President of the United States** to lead the world to a universal, legally binding agreement to cut greenhouse gases at the 2015 Paris Climate Conference (COP21) and to use the power of his office to mobilize public support for climate justice.

***We call for 40% reductions by 2025, 60% by 2030 and 85% reductions by 2050 (People's Climate Covenant).***

### **NOW, THEREFORE**

We call on all of our **elected and civic leaders** to advance the energy transition to renewables through policies and practices, and to ensure that the transition is democratic and just.

### **NOW, THEREFORE**

**WE PLEDGE** to take action on climate to protect the EARTH, *our common home*, to ensure a sustainable, just world for ourselves and all future generations.