

Executive Committee Meeting

August 12th, 2021

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1. Call to Order
2. Approval of May Minutes
3. Chair Report
4. First Vice-Chair Report
5. Second Vice-Chair Report
6. Treasurer Report
7. Other Officer Reports
8. Committee Chair Reports (2 minutes a piece)
 - a. What you've been working on
 - b. What are your next steps
 - c. What's the most important thing the EC needs to take action on regarding your committee (if anything)
9. Unfinished Business
 - a. KCCC Affiliate Status (Attached)
10. New Business
 - a. Hispanic Heritage Month Resolution (Attached)
 - b. BTW Awards Nominees
 - c. August Third Thursday
11. Announcements

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PRINCIPLES OF AFFILIATION **Kalamazoo Climate Crisis Coalition**

Mission:

The Kalamazoo Climate Crisis Coalition mobilizes collective action to achieve immediate and drastic reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and rapid adoption of renewable energy through a transition grounded in social, racial, economic, and environmental justice.

KCCC directs collective efforts to build campaigns; educate the public; and influence educational and other institutions, governments, businesses, community groups to take urgent action.

KCCC establishes affiliations with local groups interested in climate action in order to share information and other resources and to sustain high levels of citizen mobilization.

KCCC recognizes that each affiliate has a unique and valuable approach to addressing the climate crisis and that affiliates engage in diverse strategies. While affiliates share the goal of maintaining a livable planet, Coalition affiliation does not imply agreement on means to achieve that goal or tactics used by each affiliate.

KCCC will, on behalf of affiliates, sign letters and petitions for initiatives that align with our mission (e.g. fracking bans, Line 5 shut down, etc.), providing that consensus has been reached among members of the Coordinating & Communications Committee (KCCC CCC). Every attempt will be made to inform affiliates of proposed actions by email in a timely manner. Given the rapid, urgent pace of climate-related initiatives, this may not always be possible.

Affiliate organizations:

are encouraged to support KCCC campaigns and events through advertising and promotion, funding, expertise, volunteers, and other resources;

agree to allow KCCC to use logos in social media campaigns to promote events that align with our shared missions;

benefit from shared resources, including dissemination of information;

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support fellow affiliates by encouraging (or at least not publicly discouraging or disparaging) their mission and actions;

are responsible for their own actions and shall not attempt to control the actions of another affiliate;

reserve the right to decline participation in actions inconsistent with their principles and/or legal status. KCCC, affiliate organizations, and their fiduciaries reject liability for legal or financial consequences of actions undertaken by other affiliate organizations;
commit to no acts of civil disobedience at the same time and place as KCCC events.

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Resolution Recognizing September 15 through October 15 2021 as Hispanic Heritage Month

WHEREAS, Hispanic Heritage Week was approved by President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period from September 15 to October 15, and enacted into law on August 17, 1988; and

WHEREAS, each year, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month from September 15 to October 15 by celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America; and

WHEREAS, there has been a long and important presence of Hispanic and Latino Americans in North America and the United States of America; and

WHEREAS, time and again throughout our nation's history, Hispanic-Americans have faithfully defended the principles of freedom and a representative government; and

WHEREAS, Kalamazoo County is fortunate to count among its population a large concentration of citizens of Spanish and Latin American descent, who contribute to our economy and society through their commitment to professions, commerce, family, and the arts; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that we recognize and celebrate the contributions, service, and cultures of American citizens whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; the Kalamazoo County Democratic Party recognizes the economic, cultural, and social contributions that Spanish-speaking peoples have brought to our nation, including the gifts of law, religion, agriculture, art, music, education, technology, architecture, cuisine, theater, and exploration.

Respectfully submitted,

Kalamazoo County Democratic Party
[Date]