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RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS there is overwhelming agreement among climate scientists that climate change poses a serious global threat, is occurring faster than previously anticipated, and is contributed to by human behavior;

WHEREAS despite the widespread acceptance of climate change science, human behavior has nevertheless not changed significantly enough to combat the deleterious effects of climate change. Research suggests that this is in part due to psychological factors: Climate change is a complicated, abstract, value-laden problem, which cannot be solved by individual behavior -- the worst effects of which are longer-term;

WHEREAS current research and public communications on the impacts of climate change have often emphasized the major physical damage caused by extreme weather, such as floods, droughts, hurricanes, and wildfires;

WHEREAS insufficient attention has been paid to climate-caused increased displacement, migration, and conflict among individuals and populations;

WHEREAS insufficient attention has been paid to climate change's disproportionate impact on already vulnerable groups with fewer resources, including low-income individuals and those who live in rural and remote areas, people of color, indigenous and/or culturally diverse communities, women, children, older adults, and individuals with disabilities;

WHEREAS insufficient attention has been paid to the strong linkage between climate-caused extreme events and inequality, where psychology can play a role to raise awareness of the social construction of risks in research, policymaking and media communication;

WHEREAS insufficient attention has been paid to climate change-related major acute and chronic adverse mental health outcomes, including stress, trauma, and shock; post-traumatic stress disorder and other forms of anxiety; depression; and substance use disorder;

WHEREAS research shows that human behavior has an impact on climate change and that psychology as a science focuses on the study of human behavior, including the origins, consequences, and conditions that allow for interventions to modify it.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that our psychology organizations will advocate for and support international and cross-disciplinary collaboration to help prevent and mitigate climate change and facilitate people's adaptation to its effects, utilizing many relevant psychological subdisciplines:

RECOMMENDATIONS RELATED TO KEY STAKEHOLDERS

We will encourage governmental, educational, health, and corporate leaders to move immediately to adopt norms, values, and policies to promote sustainable preventive and corrective behaviors at community, organizational, and individual levels;

We will continue to develop and publicize the psychological evidence base for behavior change, ensuring that public policy, organizational, and individual responses are informed by the science of psychology;

We will showcase and support to policymakers and others the role of psychology as a key science to understand and tackle climate change within an interdisciplinary approach to global challenges;

We will encourage our members to advocate for the rights of those most susceptible to the negative mental health impacts of climate change, for example, by encouraging policymakers to fully fund programs to aid those who suffer harm from severe climate change-related events;

We will highlight to policymakers and others the importance of psychological services and supportive interventions to help minimize harm to mental health and well-being, especially among vulnerable populations, and for initiatives to increase community resilience;

RECOMMENDATIONS FOCUSED ON OUR MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC

We will inform our respective members and the public about climate change, emphasizing scientific research and consensus on its causes and short- and long-term harms, and the need for immediate governmental, societal, community, and personal action;

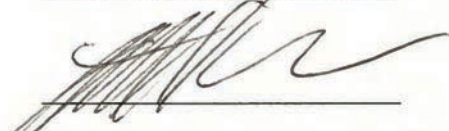
We will encourage our members and other leaders to be vocal advocates concerning the necessary mitigatory, preparatory, and responsive adaptations to climate change;

We will promote awareness of the psychological blindness that leads to regarding inequalities as a social fate, instead of a political choice; and

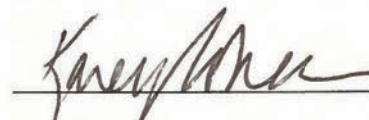
We will support the development of a public awareness campaign to encourage individuals, organizations, and communities to adopt behaviors to help prepare for and recover from gradual climate change and acute climate change events.




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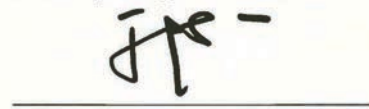
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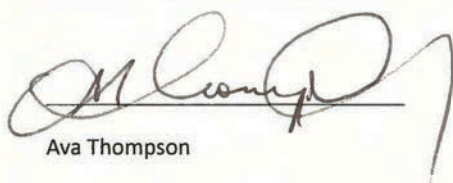
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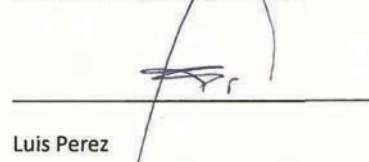
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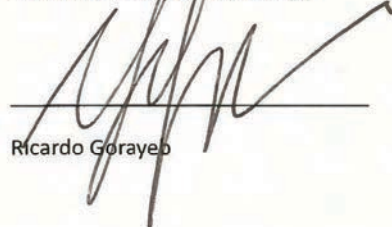
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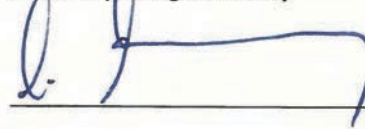
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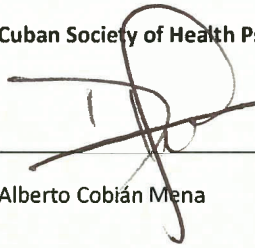

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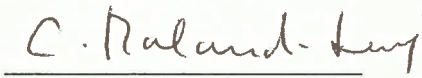


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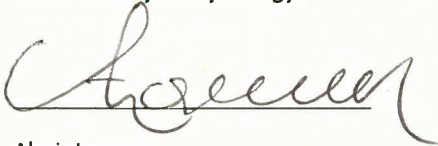
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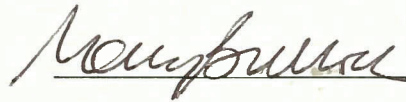
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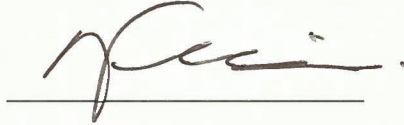
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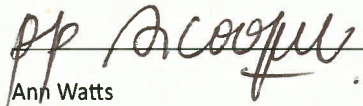
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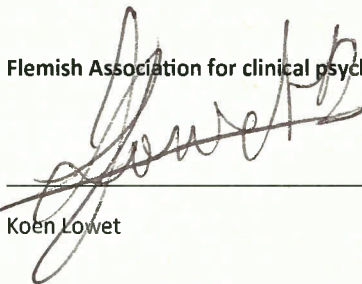
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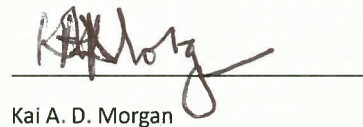
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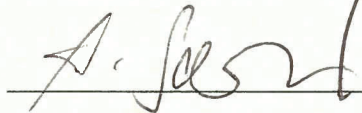
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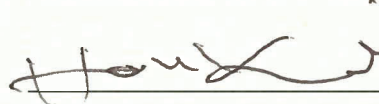
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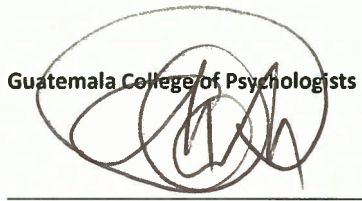
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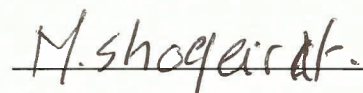
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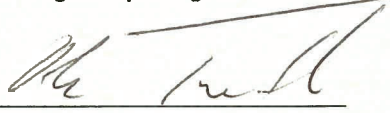
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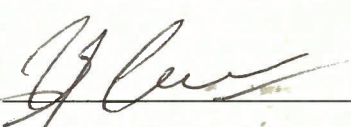
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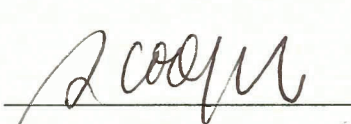
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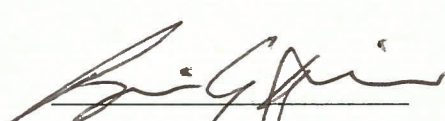
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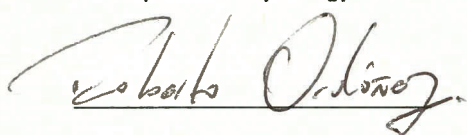
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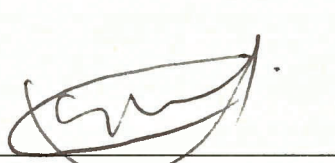
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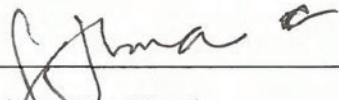

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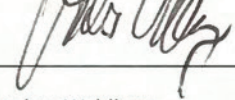

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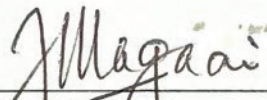
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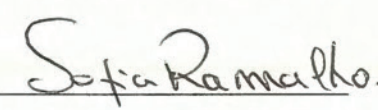

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