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**Jane Fonda earns 2023 Climate Crusader Award
at American Climate Leadership Awards**

Washington DC — The American Climate Leadership Awards (ACLA) has announced that **Jane Fonda will be recognized as the winner of the 2023 Climate Crusader Award**. Fonda has been selected as the inaugural Climate Crusader due to her lifelong commitment to justice, equity, and environmental solutions and her present-day work on climate action. Fonda will virtually accept her award. The awards ceremony which will also feature climate champion Bill McKibben, Telemundo anchor Vanessa Hauc, and the 10 ACLA finalists.

Fonda joins the other honorees at the 2023 American Climate Leadership Awards Ceremony, which will recognize and reward individuals and organizations with outstanding climate action, advocacy, and justice initiatives. Finalists receive \$10,000, a single runner-up will receive \$25,000, and the winner will receive \$50,000.

Third Act Founder and author Bill McKibben is chair of the selection committee for the second year. This year's committee also includes environmental advocate Laura Turner Seydel; 35th Mayor of Salt Lake City Jackie Biskupski; Hip Hop Caucus President and CEO Rev. Lennox Yearwood Jr.; Earth Uprising Founder Alexandria Villaseñor; Actor and Environmental Activist Ed Begley, Jr., youth climate activist Daphne Frias; and Mothers Out Front Fresno Community Organizer LaTisha Harris.

Fonda has moved to the forefront of climate solutions advocacy. In 2019, she led weekly protests in Washington, DC known as "Fire Drill Fridays," which focused

on the urgent need for action on climate change. In addition to her activism, Fonda has also spoken out about the importance of individual action on climate change, encouraging people to make more planet-friendly choices in their daily lives. Her latest book, “What Can I Do? My Path From Climate Despair To Action” details her personal journey to climate advocacy and provides solutions for local communities to combat the climate crisis. Fonda continues to lead the charge on Fire Drill Fridays in partnership with Greenpeace USA.

ecoAmerica President Bob Perkowitz comments, “Jane has dedicated herself to raising awareness, advocacy, and solutions for climate change. She is the right person at the right place at the right time and is well deserving of this accolade. She is a role model for all of us.”

“Advocating for climate solutions is central to my life’s work, so I am honored to receive the Climate Crusader award alongside other activists and organizations fighting for the same. Thank you to ecoAmerica for shining a light on these change makers and providing the resources necessary to build collective action against climate pollution.” — *Jane Fonda, Climate Crusader, American Climate Leadership Awards 2023*

Are you ready to be inspired by incredible climate leaders? Watch ecoAmerica’s American Climate Leadership Awards 2023 broadcast on March 30. Register to see Jane Fonda receive her Climate Crusader award, learn more about the top 10 finalists and see the runner-up and winner announced:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_9E9TBOx_SXCospkinp43WA

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About American Climate Leadership Awards: American Climate Leadership Awards recognizes, rewards, and shares best practices on climate change advocacy and action nationwide. The Awards provide money, support, and recognition for real climate leadership. Individuals and organizations selected as semifinalists have achieved success in building some meaningful political resolve for climate action at local, regional, and national levels, in ways that are replicable, while demonstrating diversity, inclusion, and justice. To watch the American Climate Leadership Awards 2023, please [register today](#).

About ecoAmerica: ecoAmerica builds institutional leadership, public support, and political resolve for climate solutions in the United States. We help national mainstream organizations elevate their climate leadership, providing them with strategy, tools, and resources to: demonstrate visible climate leadership, empower climate literacy, engage all constituents, and build collective action and advocacy. We help our partners transform into national climate leaders who inspire others on solutions. ecoAmerica.org

About Jane Fonda: Jane Fonda is a two-time Academy Award-winning actor (Best Actress in 1971 for Kluge and in 1978 for Coming Home), producer, author, activist, and fitness guru. Her career has spanned over 50 years, accumulating a body of film work that includes over 50 films and crucial work on behalf of political causes such as women's rights, Native Americans, and the environment. She is a seven-time Golden Globe® winner and was honored with the Cecil B. DeMille Award in 2021, Stanley Kubrick Excellence in Film Award as part of BAFTA's Britannia Awards in 2019, AFI Life Achievement Award winner in 2014, and Honorary Palme d'Or honoree in 2007.



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