

SAMPLE CLIMATE RESOLUTIONS AND COMMITMENTS

These three sample declarations and resolutions can be used as templates to model a resolution specific to your local community. They are only a few of the hundreds that have been written for communities in the United States and around the globe. They range from one that is very simple and broad in its values, goals and objectives, to ones that are more complex and that spell out more aspects of local challenges and commitments.

The key is to involve your local stakeholders and leaders in writing a commitment that makes sense for your particular community. Strive to make it one that stretches your community, however, to do more than it is doing and to reach farther along the path of climate solutions. If it merely restates programs that are already in place, it will not encourage further community conversation and discussion about climate impacts, risks and challenges, and positive opportunities for collaborative community-wide action across sectors.



Path to Positive Utah Declaration

Utah is a pioneering state - strong, capable, and innovative - with a firm connection to our shared values. As visionary leaders in business, government, higher education, faith, and community organizations, we take shared responsibility for protecting our economy, air quality, and environment. This includes climate change, which poses risks to our economic well-being, our families, and our quality of life. We will inspire and support resilient communities and smart solutions. In so doing, we can address climate change and forge the path for others by demonstrating Utah's innovative spirit and leadership.

Resolution of the City of Charlotte City Council in Support of a Sustainable and Resilient Charlotte by the Year 2050

WHEREAS, the Charlotte City Council committed in the FY 2018-2019 Environment Focus Area Plan to “become a global leader in environmental sustainability, balancing economic growth with preserving our natural resources;” and,

WHEREAS, Charlotte will strive to become a low carbon city by 2050, spanning all sectors, to bring city-wide greenhouse gas emissions to below 2 tons CO₂e per person annually; and,

WHEREAS, Charlotte is currently developing a Strategic Energy Action Plan (SEAP), which will contain short, medium and long term actions to deliver deep reductions in carbon emissions spanning all sectors so that the CO₂e targets can be met; and,

WHEREAS, a low carbon city is delivered through processes, strategies, practices, tools, and institutional structures that promote collaboration between city, public, private, academic, and nonprofit constituencies to develop and implement long-term, deep reductions in carbon emissions, and,

WHEREAS, these processes, strategies, and collaborations will balance economic considerations with advancement towards the 2050 goal, and

WHEREAS, low carbon cities improve their environmental sustainability, social capital and economic mobility through growth in clean energy industries and workforce development opportunities; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Charlotte will strive to become a low carbon city by 2050 and will develop a Strategic Energy Action Plan to be presented to City Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Charlotte will continue the work currently underway to advance short term goals for reductions in energy consumption in city operations as a first step on the path towards a low carbon future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Charlotte will strive to source 100% of its energy use in its buildings and fleet from zero carbon sources by 2030.

Mississippi River Cities & Town Initiative

An Effort of U.S. Mayors



Mississippi River Cities & Towns Initiative Proclamation *A Path to Positive on Reducing Climate Risk*

PROCLAMATION

Together we must put America on a path to a positive future that will protect our families and communities, create prosperity, and strengthen our nation's security. We can build this future if we choose clean energy and use it efficiently, act to minimize carbon pollution, prepare for climate risks, and protect our aquatic resources. We have a moral obligation to take action today to mitigate climate disruption and build a sustainable future for our children.

Whereas: We are compelled to act because carbon pollution is affecting our planet and profoundly impacting America and the world placing at risk our essential and fragile freshwater sources;

Whereas: The cost of increasing droughts, floods, wildfires, extreme weather, and rising sea levels can be measured in lost lives, economic losses, higher food prices, restricted access to drinking water, poorer health, and hundreds of billions of dollars in disaster relief;

Whereas: We must help restore the atmosphere, oceans, and our freshwater sources, prepare for climate and put our nation on a path to a positive future;

Whereas: Human activity contributes to these threats and humans can solve this challenge;

Whereas: American leadership can help the world meet these challenges with innovative solutions;

Therefore: **Be it resolved that together, as elected community leaders, we must create solutions rooted in shared American values that effectively address climate risks. These solutions must:**

Create a positive energy future: Solutions should promote abundant, clean energy, avoid costly carbon pollution from dirty fuels, provide choice in affordable energy, and provide Americans greater economic freedom by

making our homes, buildings, and transportation more energy efficient;

Improve people's health and prepare for harmful impacts: Solutions must clear the air, improve land and water quality, provide healthy food choices to nurture people's bodies and spirits, combat the devastating health impacts of climate change, reduce injury and illness, and create a better quality of life through access to clean drinking water sources and a healthy environment;

Build shared, sustainable prosperity: Solutions should create good, clean American jobs and a sustainable economy that supports livelihoods today and for generations to come;

Engage all Americans: Solutions must provide all of us a say in decisions that affect our lives. Special effort should be made to include youth and vulnerable communities in crafting solutions.

Therefore: **Be it further resolved that, as elected community leaders, we declare that:**

We will lead by example on a path to a positive future and share our plans and progress within our organizations, with constituents and other leaders, and the Path to Positive Communities;

We will maximize energy and water efficiency, use more clean, renewable energy, reduce polluting fossil fuels, work to protect drinking water sources as well as aquatic environments, and take other actions that help restore a healthy atmosphere;

We will build awareness and support for climate solutions by inspiring and empowering our organizations and communities with actionable information, powerful engagement tools, and best practice resources.

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City, STATE

