

Climate Emergency Declarations/Resolutions

Minnesota Coordinated Effort

“The time is now to come together as a united force, to insure a livable future for us, for your children, for your grandchildren, and for the generations to come. The time is now to create a sustainable future.” - From then high school junior Sophia Skinner before St. Louis Park City Council

What we're doing:

- Local governments of all sizes, and in all regions of Minnesota will join in [declaring a Climate Emergency](#) on January 24th or 25th, calling for immediate action at all levels of government to address the climate crisis. By acting simultaneously, these state-wide localities expect to amplify their impact, speaking together to urge local, state and federal action.

Why declare a Climate Emergency?

- **The dramatically evident shift in our climate IS an emergency!** It's here now; it's going to get worse; and it's impacting all regions of our state, country, and world.
 - The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change recently declared (August 21) that world leaders at all levels must take immediate action to reduce greenhouse emissions to prevent catastrophic impacts.
- **It's impacting Minnesota now!** Unanticipated occurrences of drought, higher annual temperatures and sustained heat waves, dangerous air quality, repeated incidences of “hundred year” floods, and forest fires of unprecedented size - are all happening now in Minnesota.
- **Opportunity to mobilize and magnify:** Declaring an emergency will call attention to the issue and can mobilize people to action. Working together we can magnify our impacts on our own communities and on Minnesota.
 - Acting together will increase our visibility and leverage for *state and federal assistance*
 - This conspicuous action will provide bold local leadership in a way that connects to a larger statewide effort. People are empowered when they feel what they do matters and when they are part of something larger than themselves.

The **Climate Emergency declaration** [customizable template](#) includes local, state, and global impacts, a commitment to local action, and a call for state and federal support.

Background on “Climate Emergency”

- Started in U.S. by The Climate Mobilization organization - calling for a mobilization of government and society to make significant progress on climate change by 2030
- 2000+ jurisdictions in 34 countries have declared a Climate Emergency, including three leaders in MN ([Crystal Bay Township](#) and [Minneapolis](#) in 2019, [Duluth](#) earlier this year).

MN jurisdictions (partial list) considering being leaders and declaring a climate emergency: Bloomington, Columbia Heights, Eden Prairie, Edina, Falcon Heights, Golden Valley, Grand Marais, Grand Rapids, Lauderdale, Maplewood, Moorhead, Morris, Northfield, Red Wing, Robbinsdale, Rochester, St. Louis Park. Already declared: Duluth, Minneapolis, Crystal Bay.