



Climate Emergency Resolution template

Resolution declaring a climate emergency and requesting immediate and accelerated action to address the climate crisis and limit global warming to 1.5°C.

Such a resolution is useful to raise awareness and increase political pressure at the national and EU level to give more support to the local level, and to show citizens what their city is already doing.

This resolution template is a suggestion based on Climate Emergency resolutions adopted by San Francisco (US), Plymouth (UK), Constance (DE) and Basel (CH). Climate Alliance members are free to use it to draw up their own resolution and adapt it to their local needs and specificities.

We acknowledge that *(Please feel free to add your own elements or to change the proposed formulations)*

- Climate change is an urgent unfolding crisis that presents a serious threat to global stability and human existence
- The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) issued a special report on the impacts of global warming and the need to reduce global greenhouse gas emissions well before 2030 to hold warming to 1.5°C and avoid the most catastrophic impacts of climate change, which may still be possible with ambitious action from national and sub-national authorities, civil society, the private sector, indigenous peoples and local communities
- The current pace and scale of national climate action is not sufficient to avert substantial damage to the economy, environment, and human health over the coming decades
- Vulnerable communities *(in our municipality, but also among our indigenous partners in the Amazon Basin and elsewhere)* are the most heavily hit by longstanding environmental injustices, and the most affected by negative economic, environmental and social impacts generated by the fossil-based economy and overuse of resources
- Deforestation in the Amazon Basin and other rainforests is an additional driver of climate change and destroys the habitats and cultures of indigenous peoples. As rainforest protection is climate protection, we therefore reaffirm the commitment made through our membership in Climate Alliance to support indigenous organisations
- *Our municipality* is already suffering impacts of climate change in the form of droughts, air pollution, extreme heat, and lowland flooding, and these impacts will grow more severe if global greenhouse gas emissions are not significantly reduced
- Although *our municipality* is developing plans and strategies to reduce emissions *(here you can list some of your current activities, projects and*

initiatives) we also depend on the national and European level to go further and take wider-reaching action

- Climate change will continue to make basic human necessities such as food, housing, healthcare, transportation and energy more expensive and, along with a living wage, difficult to obtain, leading to further wealth inequality
- To stay within 1.5°C, national and local governments throughout the world will need to significantly reduce their per capita emissions by 2030, and *our municipality* has an obligation to lead by example; therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED *(Please feel free to add your own elements or to change the proposed formulations)*

That *our municipality* declares a Climate Emergency threatening our municipality, region, state, nation, humanity, and the natural world; and

OPTION 1

That *our municipality* commits to a just transition, with a vision of a **zero carbon** future that is 100% fossil-free and based on 100% renewable energies as quickly as possible and no later than 2030.

OPTION 2

That *our municipality* commits to making decisions and acting in a manner that is **compatible with the recommendations of the IPCC's 2018 report**, eliminating municipal greenhouse gas emissions as quickly as possible.

OPTION 3

That *our municipality* commits to going over and above all currently set goals so as to be **as ambitious as possible**, accelerating adaptation and resilience strategies in preparation for intensifying climate impacts.

We therefore further decide *(Please feel free to add your own elements or to change the proposed formulations)*

- That to meet *our municipality's* ambitious greenhouse gas emission reduction targets and renewable energy goals, the Department of Environment is to recommend updates or new policies to the Municipality's Climate Action Strategy, and to take into account the impact on jobs and disadvantaged communities as well as on the surrounding environment and biodiversity that these policies will have;
- That *our municipality* will examine the climate impacts of all future decisions and favour solutions or paths that are positive for climate, environment and biodiversity;
- That *our municipality* will stress the integration of climate concerns in a cross-cutting fashion in all municipal tasks and foster collaboration across departments to present high-priority strategies towards deep emission reductions at emergency speed;
- That *our municipality* will coordinate its climate efforts with other local, regional, and state governments to accelerate immediate and near-term

actions to rapidly eliminate greenhouse gas emissions from fossil fuels, and other sources;

- That labour unions and frontline environmental justice communities must be equitably and actively engaged in the municipality's transition to a fossil-fuel free economy and prioritised through local climate mitigation and adaptation planning, policy, and programme delivery, ensuring a just transition for all people;
- That any legislation or projects started through the climate emergency process should consider investments in working-class and low-income communities as well as communities historically and disproportionately impacted by pollution, high unemployment and environmental injustice;
- That as *our municipality* works on climate mitigation, it shall continue to advance climate adaptation efforts to address unavoidable current and future climate change impacts;
- *Our municipality* commits to involve and inform residents and especially young people about the climate emergency, through Town Hall meetings, messaging, and other processes in which citizen deliberation is central to decision-making;
- That the Council will work with the Mayor's office and relevant municipal agencies to develop a budget that enables urgent climate action, avoids further investment of public funds in fossil-fuel reliant infrastructure and ensures a climate resilient future for all residents.

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