

Town of Yountville

"The Heart of the Napa Valley"

PROCLAMATION

By the Yountville Town Council Declaring A Climate Emergency

WHEREAS, global scientific consensus exists recognizing that climate change caused by human activity represents a growing danger to human health and safety, wildlife and natural habitats, and economic prosperity, and that the need for long-term climate preservation steps is urgent; and

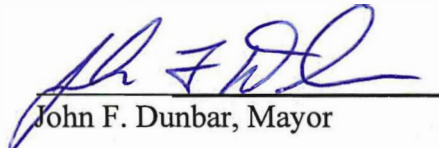
WHEREAS, 195 countries have signed the "Paris Agreement" acknowledging the threat of climate change and the need to combat it, targeting the goal to keep global mean temperature "well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels" and to "pursue efforts to limit temperature increase to 1.5°C;" and

WHEREAS, the 2018 U.S. government report, "Fourth National Climate Assessment," detailed the significant threat to the American economy posed by climate change and underscored the need for immediate climate emergency action at all levels of government; and

WHEREAS, Napa County and its residents, economy, and environment already have experienced dramatic adverse effects from climate change, including catastrophic wildfires, rising temperatures, mudslides, severe droughts, property destruction, damage to infrastructure, and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Yountville joins a growing list of communities committed to a goal of net zero climate pollution by or before 2030, and further commits to evaluate all planning and policy decisions through the lens of this pledge, and to implement both immediate and sustained actions in support of this goal.

Now, therefore let it be resolved, that I, John F. Dunbar, Mayor of the Town of Yountville, along with the Town Council, declare that a climate emergency exists and commit to providing leadership and services in partnership with residents, community organizations, businesses, Napa County and regional jurisdictions to educate, mobilize, and accelerate support for comprehensive and sustained climate action to reduce harmful environmental impacts and strive to achieve a goal of net zero climate pollution.


John F. Dunbar, Mayor

