

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-063

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALISTOGA, COUNTY OF NAPA, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, DECLARING A CLIMATE EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, there is broad scientific consensus that climate change caused by human activity represents a growing danger to human health, safety, and economic prosperity, and that the window of opportunity for long term climate preservation is rapidly closing; and

WHEREAS, 195 countries have signed the “Paris Agreement” acknowledging the threat of climate change and the urgent need to combat it, agreeing 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 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) report, “Global Warming of 1.5°C,” affirmed that “Limiting global warming to 1.5°C would require rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society,” and further projected that the earth could reach and exceed this temperature threshold as soon as 2030, far earlier than previously anticipated; and

WHEREAS, the 2018 US government report, “Fourth National Climate Assessment,” detailed the massive 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, California, Napa County and their residents, economy, and environment have already experienced dramatic adverse effects from climate change, including prolonged wildfire seasons, firestorms, rising temperatures, mudslides, severe droughts, property destruction, damage to infrastructure, and loss of life; and

WHEREAS, climate breakdown, while endangering all people, disproportionately impacts the young and the most vulnerable, exacerbating existing social justice and other inequities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CALISTOGA DOES RESOLVE, DECLARE, DETERMINE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:

1. That a climate emergency exists, and that it threatens our city, state, country, and world.
2. That the City of Calistoga joins a growing list of communities committed to a goal of net zero climate pollution, measured in terms of net contribution to excess trapped heat, 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 its achievement.
3. That the Calistoga City Council, recognizing the need for full community participation and support, commits to providing leadership and services in working with community organizations, businesses, schools, and regional partners and jurisdictions to educate, mobilize, expand, and accelerate local, regional and statewide support for comprehensive, immediate, and sustained action to achieve its goal of net zero climate pollution by or before 2030.
4. That the City of Calistoga will, at the earliest opportunity, amend the City's General Plan to prioritize climate goals and practices that support the provisions herein.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 3rd day of August 2021. I, **MARNI RITTBURG, CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF CALISTOGA, HEREBY CERTIFY** the foregoing resolution was introduced and passed at a regular meeting of the Calistoga City Council by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Gift, Kraus, and Williams, Vice Mayor Lopez-Ortega, and Mayor Canning
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

ATTEST:



Marni Rittburg, CMC, City Clerk

APPROVED:



Chris Canning, Mayor