

Proclamation



A Tradition of Stewardship
A Commitment to Service

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS | NAPA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA COUNTYWIDE COMMITMENT TO ADDRESS CLIMATE CHANGE

WHEREAS, on October 8, 2018, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) released a report, "Global Warming of 1.5°C," which states that "Limiting global warming to 1.5°C would require rapid, far-reaching and unprecedented changes in all aspects of society," and projected that the earth could reach and exceed this temperature threshold by as early as 2030, far earlier than previously anticipated; and

WHEREAS, Climate modeling shows that it is not possible to stabilize global mean temperature rise at or below 1.5°C without undertaking additional pre-2030 climate mitigation and restoration actions focused on reducing radiative forcing levels associated with excess trapped heat. These urgent actions are additional and complementary to current efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions being undertaken by the state; and

WHEREAS, the State of California as a whole, and Napa County and its Cities and Town, residents, economy, and environment have already experienced adverse effects associated with climate change, such as a prolonged wildfire season and firestorms, rising temperatures, mudslides, severe droughts, property destruction and damage to infrastructure, and recognize that climate change represents a growing danger to human health, safety, economic prosperity, basic services, and natural resources; and

WHEREAS, Napa County and its Cities and Town (collectively Napa County Jurisdictions) recognize that climate change is a global problem, that decisive near-term action is needed to prevent further global warming, and that we must work together with other jurisdictions, because the most practical and cost-effective solutions to climate change which can directly benefit County and City residents require broad participation and coordination.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT PROCLAIMED, that Napa County Jurisdictions are dedicated to working together 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.

BE IT FURTHER PROCLAIMED, that Napa County Jurisdictions commit to and will pursue the following local actions in support of these goals:

1. Address climate change in their respective General Plans consistent with the State Office of Planning and Research Guidelines for General Plan Updates.
2. Form a community round table, advisory group, or other similar stakeholders group to review Napa County Jurisdictions' respective existing Climate Action Plans (and/or functional equivalent thereof) and then identify countywide goal setting and strategies for addressing climate change issues which may include some or all of the following:
 - a. Estimate baseline and future projected countywide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.
 - b. Agree upon a countywide GHG reduction goal and timeline.
 - c. Establish common goals and standards that each jurisdiction can adopt independently to reduce emissions.
3. Identify potential threats to the County, Cities, and Town resulting from future climate change and develop cost estimates and funding opportunities for shared projects and programs to improve community resiliency.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ryan Gregory".

Ryan Gregory, Chair
NAPA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS