

RESOLUTION NO. 22-009

**RESOLUTION JOINING CITIES ACROSS MINNESOTA
DECLARING A CLIMATE EMERGENCY IMPACTING THE ENVIRONMENT,
ECONOMY, AND HUMAN HEALTH**

WHEREAS, on December 21, 2021, the Golden Valley City Council adopted Resolution No. 21-100 Declaring a Climate Emergency Impacting the Environment, Economy, and Human Health;

WHEREAS, 2,012 jurisdictions in 34 countries including Duluth, Minneapolis, and Crystal Bay Township in Minnesota, have already declared climate emergencies in order to focus attention on the need for rapid action to address climate change;

WHEREAS, in 2021 and 2022 a non-partisan coalition of elected and appointed officials from cities of all sizes throughout Minnesota has been meeting to discuss how to influence policy and regulations to help cities meet their climate and energy goals and accelerate the learning and spread of best practices and policy ideas;

WHEREAS, in January 2022 at least fifteen cities from this emerging coalition are taking-action locally and calling on the state and federal government for immediate assistance to address climate change and the adverse impacts it has on cities' economic well-being and quality of life, with more cities expected to announce declarations in the months ahead;

WHEREAS, acting together with these communities now will magnify our impact and increase our visibility and leverage for state and federal funding and support;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Golden Valley joins this growing coalition of cities across Minnesota declaring that a climate emergency threatens our city, region, state, nation, humanity and the natural world.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Golden Valley commits to carrying out the actions outlined in Resolution No. 21-100 and working with this coalition to leverage state and federal assistance for local communities.

Adopted by the City Council of Golden Valley, Minnesota this 18th day of January 2022.

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