

# Our Climate Our Arctic Beaufort Delta Declaration March 8, 2020

As the youth of the Beaufort Delta region, we are one with the land, the water and the animals. We stand up for what we believe is right and consider the future of our environment while trying to understand the past and carry forward and value the knowledge of our ancestors.

We recognize that climate change is a worldwide problem, however the rate of change in the North is much more rapid. Our region is a preview of the effects of climate change. The climate crisis is affecting every aspect of who we are. Our communities need to be less economically-driven and more environmentally-driven.

We can't escape our changing climate, but we can adapt.

We don't control our environment, but we are apart of it.

We need to ensure we have effective resources in order to implement our ideas for change into action. We encourage collaboration with the intent of creating a sustainable future. We want to ensure that we as youth, and our future generations of youth, are able to maintain and expand our connection to, and respect for, the environment. We are trying to set a sustainable and well-cultured example. Our voices as youth are powerful and valuable and we need to be heard.

Climate change is an overwhelming subject, and it's hard to fight the lack of hope. We will work towards our goals even if they won't be achieved in our lifetime. We are resilient in the face of the challenges we encounter.

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