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The unanimous Declaration of the youth of Des Moines of Independence from Fossil Fuels

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for one people to rid themselves of an energy system that has been found to threaten their lives and liberties, it is only decent that they should declare the causes of separation from the dependence on Fossil Fuels.

We, the youth of Des Moines, know that some truths are self-evident: that all people are created Equal and that they have certain inalienable Rights: especially the right to Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.

Because of our addiction to fossil fuels, the Earth has been pushed out of balance and suffers from Global Warming. The effects of that warming are and will continue to hit our community, including drought, flooding, dramatic reductions in crop yields, loss of migratory bird habitat and increased heat-related deaths and violence. These problems put the Children of this Community and all Future Generations in danger of losing their rights to Life, Liberty and Happiness.

So, when the burning of fossil fuels has been shown to cause this global Crisis, it is time for those most affected to stand up and to demand change.

Therefore, We, the youth of this City of Des Moines, do solemnly publish and declare that we ought to be Free and Independent from forms of energy that are causing the Climate Crisis.

We Implore – and hold Liable – our Leaders to Cease our Dependence on fossil fuels by the year 2040, and to do all other Acts and Things which Independent People may of right do to build a more Sustainable and Just Society. And for the support of this Declaration, we mutually pledge our Commitment, our Passion and our sacred Struggle for Freedom from an oppressive energy system.



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