

# YONEZAWA ZERO-CARBON CITY DECLARATION

~Aiming for net-zero carbon emissions by 2050~

Recently, as a result of the changing climate that we have seen due to global warming, natural disasters all over the world are increasing in number and severity. Here in Yonezawa, we have been met with situations that have threatened our way of life, as well as our existence, and we are now approaching a situation that can only be called a climate emergency. It is essential that we take action against it.

Along with the international goal to “work to limit global temperature rise well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and to pursue efforts to limit temperature increase even further to 1.5°C” that was decided upon in the 2015 Paris Agreement, the 2018 IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) special report also stated that “carbon dioxide emissions must reach a level of net-zero by 2050 in order to limit the temperature rise to 1.5°C and mitigate the risk of a 2°C increase.” Additionally, the Japanese government indicated the importance of the efforts of local governments, the private sector, and NPOs in achieving this goal.

Here in Yonezawa, in order to realize “a beautiful city surrounded by rich nature, in which people and nature can exist comfortably,” our environmental model for creating a desirable future for the city, as well as to pass on a pristine Yonezawa to the next generation, we hereby declare that, with a spirit of challenge and creativity, we will advance our efforts to decrease carbon emissions to net-zero by 2050.



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Mayor, Yonezawa City

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