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RESOLUTION 0215-22

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF CHISHOLM
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MINNESOTA GREENSTEP CITIES PROGRAM**

**STATE OF MINNESOTA)
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS
CITY OF CHISHOLM)**

WHEREAS, local governments have the unique opportunity to achieve both energy use and climate change gas reductions and cost savings through building and facilities management; land use and transportation planning; environmental management; and through economic and community development; and

WHEREAS, efforts to address energy and climate issues provide an opportunity to move toward energy self-reliance and greater community resiliency and quality of life; provide environmentally healthy and cheaper-to-operate public buildings; encourage new economic development and local jobs; and support local food and renewable energy production; and

WHEREAS, steps taken toward sustainable solutions aim to improve community quality of life, building community capital and increasing government efficiency, accountability and transparency; and

WHEREAS, a broad coalition of public and private stakeholders including the League of Minnesota Cities, the MPCA, Office of Energy Security and CERTs responded to the 2008 legislation by establishing the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program to provide a series of sustainable development best practices focusing on local government opportunities to reduce energy use and greenhouse gases; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program assists in facilitating technical assistance for the implementation of these sustainable development best practices; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program provides cost-effective sustainable development best practices in the following five categories: (1) Buildings and Lighting; (2) Transportation; (3) Land Use; (4) Environmental Management; and (5) Economic and Community Development;

BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Chisholm does hereby authorize the City of Chisholm to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program that offers a free, voluntary continuous improvement framework. Passage of this participation resolution allows the City to be recognized as a Step One GreenStep City.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY:

1. **Appoints the *Building & Zoning Official* to serve as the City's GreenStep coordinator for best practice documentation/implementation; and**
2. **Will facilitate the involvement of community members and other units of government as appropriate in the planning, promoting and/or implementing of GreenStep Cities best practices; and**

3. Grants to the GreenStep program's buildings advisor read-only access to the City's B3 Benchmarking Database so as to facilitate analysis and cost-savings advice to the City regarding its buildings' energy use; and
4. Will claim credit for having implemented and will work at its own pace toward implementing any GreenStep best practices that will result in energy use reduction, economic savings, quality of life improvement, reduction in the City's greenhouse gas footprint, and recognition by the League of Minnesota Cities as a Step Two GreenStep City. An on-going summary of the City's implementation of best practices will be posted by the City on the Minnesota GreenStep Cities web site.

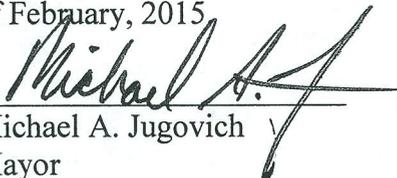
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that through the approval of City Council that it's Mayor is hereby authorized to execute such agreements as are necessary to implement the project(s) on behalf of the Minnesota GreenStep Cities.

Upon vote taken thereon, the following voted:

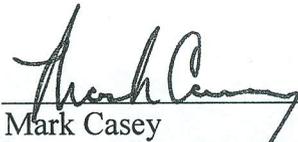
For: Councilors Campbell, Cook, Rahja, K. Scaia, T. Scaia and Mayor Jugovich

Against: None

Whereupon said Resolution 0215-22 was declared duly passed and adopted this 11th day of February, 2015



Michael A. Jugovich
Mayor

Attest: 

Mark Casey
Administrator/City Clerk