

## RESOLUTION NO. R-20-16

### RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF SAVAGE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MINNESOTA GREENSTEP CITIES PROGRAM

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota GreenStep Cities is a voluntary challenge, assistance and recognition program to help cities achieve their sustainability and quality-of-life goals. GreenStep is a free, continuous improvement program, managed by a State agency-non-profit partnership, and based upon 29 best practices. Each best practice can be implemented by completing one or more actions at a 1, 2 or 3-star level, from a list of four to eight actions. These actions are tailored to all Minnesota cities, focus on cost savings and energy use reduction, and encourage civic innovation; 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**, local governments have the unique opportunity to achieve both energy use and greenhouse 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**, 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

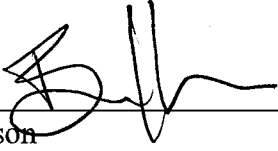
**WHEREAS**, the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program assists in facilitating technical assistance for the implementation of these sustainable development best practices; and

**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;

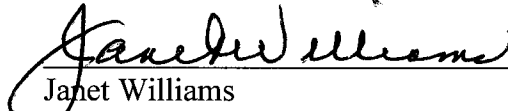
**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Savage does hereby authorize the City of Savage to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program.

**Passage of this participation resolution allows the City of Savage to be recognized as a Step One GreenStep City by the League of Minnesota Cities.**

**ATTEST:**



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Brad Larson  
City Administrator



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Janet Williams  
Mayor