

RESOLUTION 2013-13

CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS, COUNTY OF ANOKA, STATE OF MINNESOTA

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF COLUMBIA HEIGHTS, MN
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MINNESOTA GREENSTEP CITIES PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Session Laws 2008, Chapter 356, Section 13 directed the MPCA (Minnesota Pollution Control Agency) and Office of Energy Security in the Department of Commerce, in collaboration with CERTs (Clean Energy Resource Teams), to recommend municipal actions and policies that work toward meeting the State's greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals; and

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

WHEREAS, uncertainty in energy prices from fossil fuel energy sources present new challenges and opportunities to the City of Columbia Heights

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Columbia Heights does hereby authorize the City of Columbia Heights (the "City") to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City:

1. Appoints Jesse Davies, Public Works Administrative Assistant, to serve as the City's GreenStep coordinator to facilitate best practice implementation; and
2. Will facilitate the involvement of community members, civic, business and educational organizations, and other units of government as appropriate in the planning, promoting, and implementing of GreenStep Cities best practices; and
3. Will identify a short list of best practices for initial implementation by the 31st of July, 2013 ; and
4. Will claim credit for having implemented and will work toward implementing at least 16 required and optional GreenStep best practices that will result in energy use reduction, economic savings, and reduction in the community's greenhouse gas footprint. A summary of the city's implementation of best practices will be posted on the Minnesota GreenStep Cities website.

Passed this 11th day of February, 2013

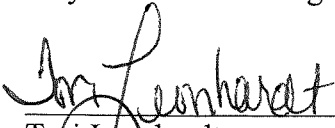
Offered by: Schmitt

Seconded by: Diehm

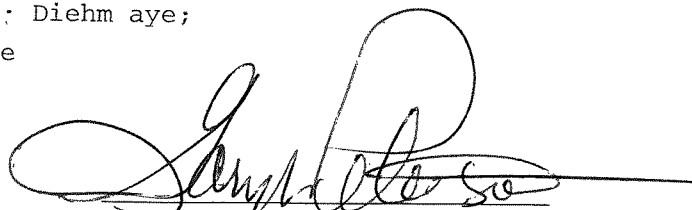
Roll Call: Schmitt aye; Williams aye; Diehm aye;

ATTEST: Nawrocki nay; Peterson aye

City of Columbia Heights, Minnesota



Tori Leonhardt
City Clerk/Council Secretary



Mayor Gary L. Peterson