

**RESOLUTION NO. R-11-14**

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

WHEREAS, uncertainty in energy prices and the transition away from fossil fuel energy sources present new challenges and opportunities to both the City of Delano and to the economic health of its citizens and businesses; 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; and

WHEREAS, the Next Generation Act of 2007, Minnesota Session Laws 2007 - Chapter 136:

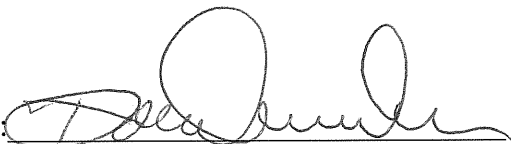
- (1) sets State greenhouse gas emissions reduction goals of cutting emissions to 15 percent below 2005 levels by 2015, 30 percent below 2005 levels by 2025, and 80 percent below 2005 levels by 2050;
- (2) sets a State energy conservation goal of achieving annual energy savings equal to 1.5 percent of annual retail energy sales of electricity and natural gas;
- (3) establishes an energy policy goal that the per capita use of fossil fuel as an energy input be reduced by 15 percent by the year 2015, through increased reliance on energy efficiency and renewable energy alternatives;
- (4) establishes an energy policy goal that 25 percent of the electricity used in the state be derived from renewable energy resources by the year 2025; and

WHEREAS, the City of Delano, the Delano Public Schools and the Delano Municipal Utilities (DMU) will work cooperatively to reach mandated energy savings goals stated in the Next Generation Energy Act of 2007 by actively and vigorously promoting energy conservation to our customers by offering DMU rebates energy conservation equipment.

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Delano does hereby authorize the City of Delano (the "City") to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program. Be it further resolved that the City:**

- 1. Appoints the GreenStep Task Force 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. Plans to take actions to implement the following best practices: Green Business Development, Community Engagement of Energy Usage, Energy Conservation Promotion; and**
- 4. Will claim credit for having implemented and will implement in total at least 12 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 web site.**

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Delano, Minnesota, this 21<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2011

By:   
Dale Graunke, Mayor

Attest:   
Phil Kern, City Administrator

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Motion by:	Dan Vick
Second by:	Holly Schrupp
Graunke:	Aye
Shrupp:	Aye
Stolfa:	Aye
Vick:	Aye
Schansberg:	Aye