

**CITY OF MAHTOMEDI
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NO. 2010-31**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF
MAHTOMEDI, MINNESOTA 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 Mahtomedi and to the economic health of its citizens and businesses; and

WHEREAS, climate changes have been observed in Minnesota and have the potential to negatively impact local, regional and state economies; infrastructure development; habitat; ecological communities, including native fish and wildlife populations; spread invasive species and exotic diseases; reduce drinking water supplies and recreational opportunities; and pose health threats to our citizens; and

WHEREAS, efforts to address energy and climate issues provide an opportunity to move forward energy self-reliance and greater community resiliency; 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, the City of Mahtomedi has signed on to the U.S. Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement, performed municipal building energy and carbon footprint analysis and has approved energy reduction goals of 10% by 2012 and 20% by 2020; and

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

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WHEREAS, a broad coalition of public and private stakeholders including the League of Minnesota Cities, the MPCA, Office of Energy Security and CERT's 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 Mahtomedi does hereby authorize the City to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program. Be it further resolved that the City:

1. Appoints Scott Neilson, City Administrator to serve as the City's GreenStep coordinator to facilitate best practice implementation; and
2. Will facilitate the involvement of community members and organizations such as Century College, the Mahtomedi Area Green Initiative, City of Mahtomedi Environmental Commission, and Mahtomedi School District in the planning, promoting and implementing of GreenStep Cities best practices; and
3. Plans to take actions to implement the following best practices:
 - a. Land Use - Implement adopted Comprehensive Plan.
 - b. Environmental Management - Identify gaps in City's trail system and prepare capital improvement plan budget for implementation.
 - c. Implement Action Plan from Municipal Energy Carbon Footprint Analysis.
 - d. Green Business Development.
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.

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Approved in the regular session of the City Council on October 5th, 2010.

Motion for adoption by: Ramaley
Seconded by: Soler
Ayes: Soler, Marshall, Ramaley, Mitchell
Nays: None
Abstained: None
Absent: Brainerd

CITY OF MAHTOMEDI



JUD MARSHALL, MAYOR

ATTESTED:



MARY SOLIE
CITY CLERK