

RESOLUTION 141211-01  
CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX  
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON  
STATE OF MINNESOTA

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF MARINE ON ST. CROIX  
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 public-private partnership, and based upon 28 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; and

WHEREAS, climate changes have been observed in Minnesota and have the potential to negatively impact local, regional and state economies; and

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

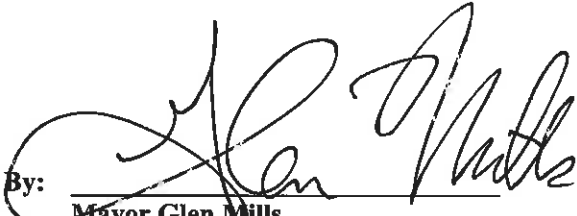
WHEREAS, efforts to address energy and climate issues provide an opportunity to move toward energy self-reliance and greater community resiliency and quality of life; provide environmentally healthy and cheaper-to-operate buildings; encourage new economic development and local jobs; and support local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

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

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of Marine on St. Croix does hereby authorize the City of Marine on St. Croix (the City) 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 Mary Lusher 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, when/if applicable, 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. 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.

By:   
Mayor Glen Mills

ATTEST:  
  
City Administrator/ Manager/ Clerk

Lynette Peterson

Date: 12/18/14