

RESOLUTION \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF ST. CLOUD TO PARTICPATE IN THE  
MINNESOTA GREENSTEP CITIES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the GreenStep Cities program aims to provide Minnesota cities a pathway to greater sustainability based upon implementing best practices specific to Minnesota cities;

WHEREAS, due to the multiple environmental, economic, and social dimensions of the sustainability best practices, leadership from a city's council is needed to oversee their implementation and coordination/integration with other city activities;

WHEREAS, the GreenStep Cities program champions sustainability goals and practices consistent with the St. Cloud Area Joint Planning District Board's St. Cloud Area Sustainability Framework Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of St. Cloud does hereby authorize the City of St. Cloud to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of St. Cloud will take the following steps to become recognized as a Minnesota GreenStep City:

1. Appoint a Minnesota GreenStep Cities Coordinator to facilitate the City's GreenStep program development and implementation; and
2. Prepare and maintain an energy use inventory on all public buildings using the Minnesota B3 Public Building Benchmarking database; and
3. Involve community members, civic and education organizations and business in the planning, promoting, and implementing of GreenStep Cities sustainable development best practices; and
4. Identify which GreenStep best practices a city has implemented and which best practices will initially be considered for implementation; and
5. Implement a minimum number of required and optional GreenStep best practices that will result in energy use reduction, economic savings and reduction in the community's greenhouse gas footprint.

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of St. Cloud on this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.