

**RESOLUTION 2014 - #7
CITY OF SILVER BAY
COUNTY OF LAKE
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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

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, 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. Each best practice can be implemented by completing one or more actions at a 1, 2 or 3-star level, from a list of four to eight actions. These actions are tailored to all Minnesota cities, focus on cost savings and energy use reduction, and encourage civic innovation; and

WHEREAS, steps taken toward sustainable solutions aim to improve community quality of life, building community capital and increasing government efficiency, accountability and transparency; and

WHEREAS, the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program assists in facilitating technical assistance for the implementation of these sustainable development best practices and an intern will be provided through the Clean Energy Resource Team under direction of the NE CERT Coordinator, Bill Mittlefehldt; and

WHEREAS, the City of Silver Bay feels they meet the qualifications needed to become a Greenstep City as one or more projects relating to energy, quality of life, and sustainable actions have been developed.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Silver Bay does hereby authorize the City of Silver Bay to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program that offers a free, voluntary continuous improvement framework. Be it further resolved that the City:

1. Appoints the City Administrator to serve as the City's GreenStep coordinator for best practice documentation/implementation and to work with an intern under the direction of the NE CERT Coordinator; 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 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. Plans to take actions to implement the following best practices will identify a short list of best practices for initial implementation; and
5. Will claim credit for having implemented and will work at its own pace toward implementing the GreenStep best practices that will result in energy use reduction, economic savings, quality of life improvement and reduction in the City's greenhouse gas footprint. An on-going

summary of the City's implementation of best practices will be posted on the Minnesota GreenStep Cities web site.

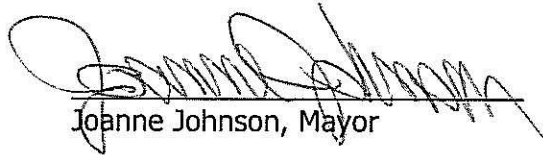
The foregoing resolution offered by Councilmember Marolt and, upon the motion, was supported by Councilmember Goutermont, was declared adopted this 21st day of January, 2014, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Member Gustafson, Member Perfetto, Member Goutermont, Member Marolt
Mayor Johnson

NAYES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:



Joanne Johnson, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lana Fralich, City Administrator