

RESOLUTION NO. 3-89-15

AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF TWO HARBORS
TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MINNESOTA GREENSTEP CITIES PROGRAM

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 public buildings; encourage new economic development and local jobs; and support local food and renewable energy production; 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, a broad coalition of public and private stakeholders including the League of Minnesota Cities, the MPCA, Office of Energy "Security and CERTs 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 gasses; 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 Two Harbors does hereby authorize the City of Two Harbors 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, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City:

1. Appoints the *Insert Position Title* 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 read-only access to the City's B3 Benchmarking Database so as to facilitate analysis and cost-saving 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 as a Step Two GreenStep City. An on-going summary of the City's implementation of best practices will be posted by the City on the Minnesota GreenStep Cities website, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Two Harbors hereby authorizes the City of Two Harbors to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities Program, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the appropriate City officials are authorized to execute documents necessary to implement the project on behalf of Minnesota GreenStep Cities.

ADOPTED, this 9th day of March A.D., 2015.

/s/ Robin M. Glaser
Robin M. Glaser, President, City Council

ATTEST: /s/ Patricia D. Nordean
Patricia D. Nordean, Acting City Clerk

APPROVED, by the Mayor of the City of Two Harbors this 10th day of March, 2015.

/s/ Randy K. Bolen, Jr.
Randy K. Bolen, Jr., Mayor

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF MINNESOTA]
COUNTY OF LAKE] SS
CITY OF TWO HARBORS]

The foregoing document is a true and correct copy of the original on file in my office.

Given under my hand and seal this 30th day of March, A.D. 2015.



Patricia D. Nordean, Acting City Clerk