

RESOLUTION No. 10941

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WHITE BEAR LAKE
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 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; 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, 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 gases; 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;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that the City Council of the City of the City of White Bear Lake does hereby authorize the City of White Bear Lake to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program. Be it further resolved that the City:

1. Appoints the City Manager's Office to coordinate the city's GreenStep program to facilitate best practice implementation; and
2. Will facilitate the involvement of community members, civic, business and educational organizations, and other units of government as appropriate in the planning, promoting and implementing of GreenStep Cities best practices; and
3. Will identify a short list of best practices for initial implementation by May, 2012; and
4. Will claim credit for having implemented and will implement in total at least 16 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.

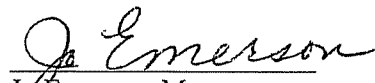
The foregoing resolution offered by Councilmember **Belisle** and supported by

Councilmember **Tessier**, was declared carried on the following vote:

Ayes: Belisle, Biehn, Edberg, Jones, Tessier

Nays: None

Passed: December 13, 2011


Jo Emerson, Mayor

ATTEST:


Diane Krinkie, City Clerk