

## **Resolution No. 6212**

### *A resolution authorizing the City of Red Wing to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities Program*

**WHEREAS**, the City of Red Wing established a Sustainability Commission to educate and encourage citizens and government in the adoption of sustainability practices, 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**, 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, and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Red Wing does hereby authorize the City of Red Wing (the "City") to participate in the GreenSteps program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the City:

1. Appoints the Sustainability Commission to serve as the city's GreenStep coordinator 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, Goodhue County, Red Wing School District, Prairie Island Indian Community and the State of Minnesota in the planning, promoting and implementing of GreenStep Cities best practices, and
3. By August, 2012, will identify a list of best practices that are ongoing or completed, and have a list of best practices to be implemented in the near future.
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 communities greenhouse gas footprint. A summary of the city's implementation of the best practices will be posted on the Minnesota GreenStep Cities website.

Adopted this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011.

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Ralph Rauterkus, Council President

ATTEST:

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Kathy Seymour-Johnson, City Clerk

Presented to the Mayor at \_\_\_\_\_ p.m. on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.  
Approved this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2011.

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Dennis Egan, Mayor