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# CITY OF WARREN

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## RESOLUTION #091311-02

CITY OF WARREN  
COUNTY OF MARSHALL  
STATE OF MINNESOTA

### A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF WARREN TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MINNESOTA GREENSTEP CITIES PROGRAM

WHEREAS, increasing energy prices and energy market uncertainty present increasing challenges to providing municipal services to the residents and businesses of Warren; and

WHEREAS, addressing energy use provides 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 initiatives; and

WHEREAS, local governments have the unique opportunity to achieve energy use reductions through the sharing of best practices in building and facilities management, land use and transportation planning, environmental management, and through economic and community development; and

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, a broad coalition of public and private stakeholders including the League of Minnesota Cities, the MPCA, Office of Energy Security, and CERTs reponded to 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


WHEREAS, the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program assists in facilitating technical assistance for the implementation of these sustainable development best practices in the following five categories: 1) Buildings and Facilities; 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 Warren does hereby authorize the City of Warren (the "City") to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program.

Be it further resolved that the City:

- 1) Appoints Karl Frigaard to serve as the city's GreenStep coordinator to facilitate best practice implementaton; 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) Plans to take actions to implement the following Best Practices: Efficient Existing Public Buildings, Comprehensive Planning and Implementation, Mobility Options, and Benchmarks and Community Engagement; and
- 4) Will implement 12 required and optional GreenStep Best Practices that 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 website.

Adopted this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011.

By:   
Deb Myrfield, Mayor

ATTEST:



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