

CITY OF ELY

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

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 City of Ely has adopted an Energy Action Plan as part of the Comprehensive Plan; 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, 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 Ely does hereby authorize the City of Ely to participate in the Minnesota GreenStep Cities program that offers a free, voluntary continuous improvement framework. Be it further resolved that the City:

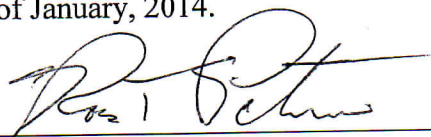
1. **Appoints, the Clerk-Treasurer, to serve as the City's GreenStep coordinator for best practice documentation/implementation; and**
2. **Will facilitate the involvement of community members and other units of government as appropriate in the planning, promoting and/or implementing of GreenStep Cities 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-savings advice to the City regarding its buildings' energy use; and**
4. **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 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.**

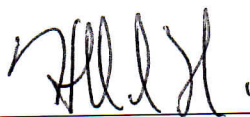
Upon vote taken thereon, the following voted:

For: Council member Debeltz, Kess, Nikkola, Omerza, Polynier, Sheddy and Mayor Petersen
Against: None

Whereupon said Resolution No. 2014-003 was declared duly passed and adopted this 21st day of January, 2014.



Ross Petersen, Mayor



Harold R Langowski, Clerk/Treasurer