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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Chapter 7 of the City of Winona's 2007 Comprehensive Plan addresses environmental goals and objectives;

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;

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Winona does hereby authorize the City of Winona (the City) 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT THE CITY:

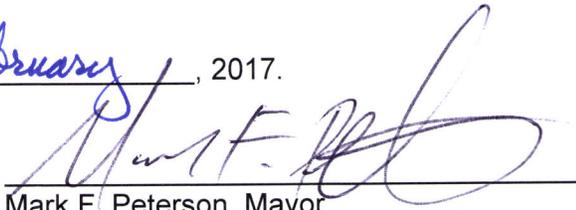
Appoints the Natural Resources Sustainability Coordinator to serve as the City's GreenStep coordinator for best practice documentation/implementation (and, as appropriate, identifies Citizens' Environmental Quality Committee as the city's GreenStep coordination team);

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;

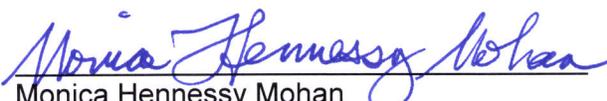
Grants to the GreenStep program's buildings advisor read-only access to the City's B3 Benchmarking Database so as to facilitate analysis and cost-savings advice to the City regarding its buildings' energy use;

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, 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 web site.

Dated this 21st day of February, 2017.


Mark F. Peterson, Mayor

Attest:


Monica Hennessy Mohan
City Clerk