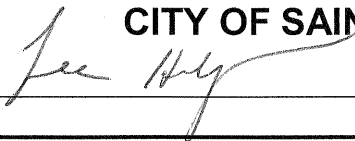


**RESOLUTION  
CITY OF SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA**

Presented by \_\_\_\_\_



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**Resolution for the Saint Paul Environmental Roundtable Recommendations**

1 WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul and its citizens are committed to improving the quality of life in the  
2 Capital City and maintaining recognition as one of the greenest cities in the nation; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Environmental Roundtable has outlined and prioritized recommendations for  
5 City action in six environmental areas, including:

- 6 • **zero waste** – materials are designed and managed to be conserved and recovered, rather  
7 than destroyed, buried, or transformed in ways that limit our ability to safely reuse them for productive  
8 purposes.
- 9 • **food systems** – increasing our safe and local food supply, encouraging community gardens, supporting  
10 the farmers’ markets, reducing our exposure to hazardous substances in food, improving the nutritional  
11 value of our food and much more.
- 12 • **energy** – fighting global warming and getting cleaner air and water, through the support of smarter,  
13 cleaner energy.
- 14 • **green buildings** – policies that encourage sustainable, high performance design for commercial and  
15 residential buildings.
- 16 • **green space** – improving the quality and quantity of green space.
- 17 • **water stewardship** – protecting and cleaning the water our health and quality of life depend on; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the City established an Environmental Working Group consisting of City staff, named  
20 Sustainable Saint Paul, and directed that group to develop an action plan for implementing the  
21 recommendations of the Saint Paul Environmental Roundtable to the fullest extent feasible, and evaluate  
22 the success of those actions annually; and  
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24 WHEREAS, the Saint Paul Environmental Roundtable tapped into the talent and expertise of our  
25 community and engaged the hearts and minds of Saint Paul citizens who have consistently supported  
26 actions that protect and improve the environment; now therefore be it  
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28 RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council acknowledge that they must continue to provide leadership  
29 and reaffirm their commitment to protect and enhance the long-term health of Saint Paul’s citizens, the  
30 natural environment, economy and community in commemoration of the 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Earth Day;  
31 and be it  
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33 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council hereby direct Sustainable Saint Paul to develop  
34 a zero waste plan and policy involving recommendations from the Environmental Roundtable and input  
35 from the community at large and establish measurable goals for the next 20 years; and be it  
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37 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council direct Sustainable Saint Paul to review the 1987  
38 Saint Paul Municipal Food Policy and engage community stakeholders to create solutions that improve the  
39 availability of, and access to, local, healthy foods; and be it  
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41 FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Saint Paul will strive to attain 25% of its total electricity from  
 42 renewable sources of energy by the year 2020; and be it  
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 44 FURTHER RESOLVED that the City's total carbon dioxide emissions in 2020 be 20% lower than those in  
 45 the baseline year of 1988; and be it  
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 47 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council direct Sustainable Saint Paul to develop  
 48 sustainable design and building guidelines for new and existing buildings, which will promote the creation  
 49 of buildings that, through their location, design, construction or remodeling, operation and maintenance  
 50 will:

- 51 • be more energy efficient than the State of Minnesota Code
- 52 • be effectively managed and conserve water
- 53 • use material resources responsibly
- 54 • generate less waste
- 55 • have lower operating costs
- 56 • promote the well-being of their users and occupants; and be it

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 58 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council recommit to maintaining open and park space  
 59 for the benefit of future generations of Saint Paul residents; and be it  
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 61 FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Saint Paul shall strive to be a national leader in stormwater management  
 62 by collaborating with its watershed districts to develop strong standards and working to exemplify responsible  
 63 stewardship of the great Mississippi River by integrating best management practices and policies into its plans  
 64 and ordinances and applying those practices in its own projects; and be it  
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 66 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and City Council direct Sustainable Saint Paul to include in its  
 67 annual report to the Council a progress summary of the suggestions from the Saint Paul Environmental  
 68 Roundtable; and be it  
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 70 FINALLY RESOLVED that, with great appreciation, the Mayor and City Council acknowledge and  
 71 recognize the work and commitment of the Saint Paul Environmental Roundtable and all those who  
 72 participated in the Roundtable process, to improve the quality of life for the citizens of the City of Saint  
 73 Paul.

	Yeas	Nays	Absent
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Montgomery			
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