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RESOLUTION REGARDING PLANNING FOR A SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY.

BY COUNCILOR GILBERT: The city council finds:

The city of Duluth has adopted Resolution 98-0480 which articulates guidelines for city council sustainable decision-making; and

The city of Duluth has adopted governing principles for the comprehensive plan (October 24, 2005), which include four sustainable practices (#1, #2, #5 and #10); and

The following four guidelines were developed by the American Planning Association (April 6, 2000) to help communities implement sustainable practices:

(a) Reduce dependence on fossil fuels, extracted underground metals and minerals;

(b) Reduce dependence on chemicals and other manufactured substances that can accumulate in nature;

(c) Reduce dependence on activities that harm life-sustaining ecosystems;

(d) Meet the hierarchy of present and future human needs fairly and efficiently; and

The adoption of the four guidelines can provide a framework that will assist city employees and elected officials in moving in a more sustainable direction; and

The willingness of the city to move in the direction of becoming a sustainable community can serve as a model for others and encourage economic development along similar lines in our city and region.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth hereby endorses the guidelines for sustainable community development described herein and agrees to apply those guidelines whenever possible in its planning, policy making and municipal practices.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution announces policies to be used in running the city in a manner that is sustainable and consistent with being an eco-municipality.