RESOLUTION NO. __________

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING ECO-MUNICIPALITY SUSTAINABILITY GUIDELINES

WHEREAS, The Village of Shorewood recognizes that the people of this community desire a stable, sustainable future; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Shorewood acknowledges that a clean and healthy environment contributes to quality of life, where the environment can support and sustain the community, and where citizens are committed to local and regional cooperation, and stewardship of resources; and

WHEREAS, the Village of Shorewood adopted a 2015 Vision Plan which set forth a Village goal of being an ecologically-responsible community with a commitment to protecting the environment; and

WHEREAS, the willingness of the Village of Shorewood to move in the direction of eco-municipality designation can serve as a model for our citizens, encouraging policies, initiatives and actions that support a healthy and economically vibrant community that protects the ecosystem in which they raise their families; and

WHEREAS, by endorsing sustainable development, the Village of Shorewood is pledging to further educate itself about sustainable activities and to develop additional initiatives in support of sustainable practices; and

WHEREAS, the following four guidelines were developed by the American Planning Association to help communities implement sustainable practices in a comprehensive and balanced fashion;

1. Reduce dependence upon fossil fuels, and extracted underground metals and minerals;

2. Reduce dependence on chemicals and other manufactured substances that can accumulate in nature;

3. Reduce dependence on activities that harm life-sustaining ecosystems;

4. Meet the hierarchy of present and future human needs fairly and efficiently.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Shorewood, Wisconsin, that the Village of Shorewood endorses the principles of sustainability as outlined above and that the Village will endeavor to apply these principles in its decision-making, planning, policy making and municipal practices.

Passed and approved this 2nd day of November 2009.

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Guy Johnson, President           Sherry Grant, Village Clerk