

## RESOLUTION NUMBER 7398

### **A RESOLUTION OF THE MISSOULA CITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT A CITY SPONSORED RENEWABLE ENERGY CERTIFICATES PROGRAM (GREEN TAGS PROGRAM).**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and Mayor's Office are committed to implementing policies, practices, and programs to conserve energy, increase efficiency, reduce fossil fuel use and minimize the City of Missoula's carbon footprint; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 17<sup>th</sup> 1996, the City of Missoula passed resolution number 5890 expressing support and agreement in joining the international Cities Climate Protection Campaign resolving to take a leadership role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and to develop a local action plan to increase energy efficiency and reduce greenhouse gas emissions throughout the community; and

**WHEREAS**, on May 10<sup>th</sup> 2004, the City of Missoula adopted a Greenhouse Gas-Energy Efficiency Plan that called for the formation of a Greenhouse Gas Energy Conservation Team ("Team"); and

**WHEREAS**, on May 3<sup>rd</sup> 2007, the Mayor of the City of Missoula signed a resolution of support for the US Conference of Mayors Climate Protection Agreement; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and Mayor's Office recognize that a funding source is necessary to develop renewable energy sources and implement energy conservation and efficiency policies and practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and Mayor's Office recognize the importance of providing city residents with a proactive opportunity to offset their current greenhouse gas emissions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Team has been charged to advise the Missoula City Council on ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; and the Team recognizes that allowing city residents and individuals everywhere to voluntarily offset their greenhouse gas emissions by purchasing renewable energy credits ("green tags") will help Missoula achieve its greenhouse gas emissions reductions goals; and

**WHEREAS**, implementing a city sponsored renewable energy certificate program will help generate revenue to fund other energy conservation and greenhouse gas reduction policies, practices, and programs such as greenhouse gas/energy audits; an energy/sustainability coordinator position; a professional, independent website dedicated to City of Missoula energy programs; community outreach development; and a community energy project; and

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Missoula adopts a city sponsored green tags program. The program will be undertaken in partnership with an established, nationally recognized and certified renewable energy certificate provider, and administered by the City of Missoula.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that initially the City of Missoula Mayor's Office will administer the retail sale of green tags, eventually developing the program to allow for the wholesale purchase and sale of green tags with the potential to generate substantial revenue.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all revenue generated through the retail sale or wholesale green tags program shall be retained and reserved for use by the City of Missoula to establish and implement energy conservation or greenhouse gas emission reduction policies, practices, projects or programs.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Team shall retain the authority to guide decisions on how revenue generated through the green tags program is appropriated. The revenue generated through this program is intended, in part, to fund future recommendations by the Team to the Missoula City Council and to provide an operating budget for the Team to conduct educational outreach.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2009.

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED:**

/s/ Martha L. Rehbein

Martha L. Rehbein  
City Clerk

/s/ John Engen

John Engen  
Mayor

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