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### **Resolution Regarding City's Decision to Postpone Recycling Initiatives Until 2016**

WHEREAS, on August 14, 2013 in his 2014 Budget Address, Mayor Chris Coleman articulated his vision for improved recycling that cited citizen demand from the Wilder Survey and committed to the following changes that were later posted on the recycle it forward website:

- 2013 – Boost recycling in Saint Paul with additional education and outreach
- 2014 – Launch single sort recycling collection
- 2014 – Expand plastics recycling to include all #1,#2,#4,#5, and #7 bottles and containers
- 2014 – Increase backyard composting education and expand organics drop off sites
- 2014 – Provide more opportunities to reuse and dispose of bulky items like furniture and appliances
- 2015 – Convert to wheeled, covered cart for recycling collection
- 2016+-Transition to wheeled, covered cart for organics collection; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's proposed 2015 budget includes no funding for implementing the changes to the recycling program committed to in 2014;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Highland District Council expresses disappointment in this budget decision and desires a strong commitment by the City to follow through by funding the initiatives originally slated for 2015, including wheeled, covered carts for recycling collection, in the 2016 budget for implementation in 2017.