

CITY OF ELY, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE EMERGING STRATEGIC METALS MINING INDUSTRY IN NORTHEAST
MINNESOTA

WHEREAS, The emerging strategic metals mining industry in Northeast Minnesota promises thousands of new direct and indirect jobs for our region for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Northeast Minnesota strategic metals reserves are estimated to give us one of the largest, and only current domestic sources of nickel, along with some of the most significant sources of copper, cobalt, platinum and palladium in the world.

WHEREAS, New and emerging technologies look to augment the positive economic development and job creation directly related to strategic metals mining with spin-off industries which can employ significant numbers of people right here on the Iron Range.

WHEREAS, We know that strategic metals mining will have a positive impact on education funding in Minnesota as well as on the development of countless products such as wireless devices, catalytic converters, hybrid cars and other emerging "green economy" needs.

WHEREAS, Modern mining companies operating in Northeast Minnesota utilize advanced technology to protect our environment. And all companies will be required to meet Minnesota's rigorous environmental standards and guidelines to assure that our air and water quality standards are protected; and

WHEREAS, Our national security interests are served by meeting our strategic metals needs domestically rather than relying on less stable foreign countries like Russia or China.

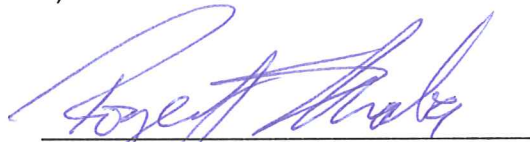
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Ely, through its City Council and Mayor, strongly support the emerging strategic metals industry near Ely and across Northeast Minnesota. And Ely thanks Senators Klobuchar and Franken, Governor Dayton, Congressman Cravaack and our Iron Range legislative leaders for their continued support and facilitation of strategic metals mining permits and the job creation to come.

Adopted by the Council this 20th Day of December, 2011.

Attest:



Terri Boese, City Clerk-Treasurer



Roger J Skraba, Mayor