

**EAST RANGE JOINT POWERS BOARD  
RESOLUTION NO. 2015-01**

Resolution for Support for the PolyMet Mining Project

**WHEREAS**, the East Range Joint Powers Board is aware that the PolyMet mining project, which is not located in the Boundary Waters watershed, is proceeding through the joint State and Federal environmental review and permitting process; and

**WHEREAS**, the metals that PolyMet will mine are essential for daily life – copper, nickel, cobalt, platinum, palladium and gold – found in countless products, including cell phones, computers, joint replacements, medical treatments and devices, wind turbines and catalytic converters; and

**WHEREAS**, the combination of strict Minnesota regulations and PolyMet’s commitment to mining in a way that protects the environment, will serve as a global template for responsible, ethical and successful mining practices; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed mining and processing operation will create 360 direct jobs and over 600 indirect jobs in St. Louis County alone; and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that the PolyMet Mining Project will require 2 million hours of labor during its construction phase; and

**WHEREAS**, PolyMet Mining will diversify and expand economy by contributing millions of dollars to local cities, school districts and the State through net proceed taxes, occupation taxes and sales taxes; and

**WHEREAS**, Polymet Mining will enter into a land exchange with the US Forest Service that will result in 7,722 acres of new, formerly private lands, being opened to public recreation;

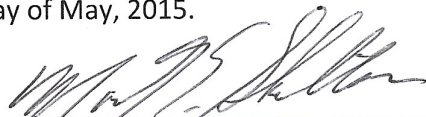
**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the East Range Joint Powers Board does strongly support the PolyMet Mining Project.


Upon vote taken thereon, the following voted:

For:

Against:

Whereupon said Resolution No. 2015-01 was declared duly passed and adopted this 26<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

  
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ERJPB Chairperson

Attest:   
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Cherie Grams, Admin. Assistant