

**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;

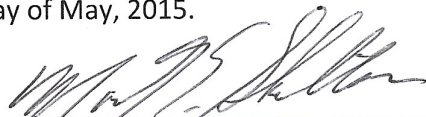
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the East Range Joint Powers Board does strongly support the PolyMet Mining Project.

Upon vote taken thereon, the following voted:


For:

Against:

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



ERJPB Chairperson

Attest: 

Cherie Grams, Admin. Assistant