

CITY OF EVELETH, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-19

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE POLYMET MINING PROJECT FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS

WHEREAS, the City of Eveleth 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 the economy by contributing millions of dollars to local cities, school districts and the State through net proceeds taxes, occupation taxes, and sales tax; and

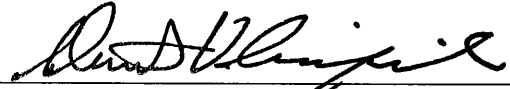
WHEREAS, PolyMet Mining will enter into a land exchange with the U.S. Forest Service that will result in approximately 6,700 acres of new, formerly private lands, being opened to public recreation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Eveleth strongly supports the PolyMet mining project.

The foregoing resolution, offered by Councilor Hoag, and on motion supported by Councilor Koivunen was declared carried on the following vote:

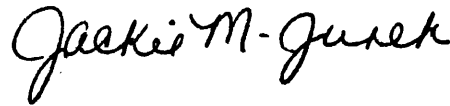
Ayes: Hoag, Koivunen, Lillis, Hadrava, Vlasisavljevich
Nays: None
Absent: None

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Eveleth this 1st day of September, 2015.



Robert Vlasisavljevich, Mayor

Attest:



Jackie Monahan-Junek
City Clerk-Administrator

Adopted: September 1, 2015
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