

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO
WASHINGTON COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

RESOLUTION NO. 2013-28

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE NINE RULES OF CIVILITY

WHEREAS, the residents of the city of Lake Elmo place a high value on respect and civility in their lives and they understand that these characteristics are essential to any healthy community; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Elmo City Council supports opportunities for civil discourse and discussion in the community and at City Hall; and

WHEREAS, the city council sometimes addresses controversial issues about which people often feel passionately, which at times leads to uncivil behavior; and

WHEREAS, an atmosphere of incivility and disrespect can have a damaging effect on the proceedings, on the quality of debate, and on the practice of democracy itself;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lake Elmo City Council recognizes nine tools of civility that will provide increased opportunities for civil discourse in order to find positive resolutions to the issues that face our city. These tools include:

- (a) Pay attention;
- (b) Listen;
- (c) Be inclusive;
- (d) Do not gossip;
- (e) Show respect;
- (f) Be agreeable;
- (g) Apologize;
- (h) Give constructive criticism;
- (i) Take responsibility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lake Elmo City Council shall promote the use and adherence of these tools in conducting the business of the council.

ADOPTED BY THE LAKE ELMO CITY COUNCIL ON THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF APRIL, 2013.

CITY OF LAKE ELMO

By: _____

Mike Pearson
Mayor

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ATTEST:

Adam Bell
City Clerk