

CITY OF LAKE ELMO
WASHINGTON COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION NO. 2009 - 008

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE FRIENDS OF WASHINGTON COUNTY
IN ITS EFFORTS CONCERNING THE SITING OF LANDFILLS
AND PROTECTION OF GROUNDWATER RESOURCES
IN THE STATE OF MINNESOTA AND WASHINGTON COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has a statutory goal “that groundwater is maintained in its natural condition, free from any degradation caused by human activities”; and

WHEREAS, in recent years, Minnesotans and residents of Washington County have experienced many cases of groundwater contamination in which the contaminants originated from landfill facilities; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) will write rules defining and including “groundwater sensitivity” as a criterion in the siting and permitting of landfills in the State of Minnesota ; and


WHEREAS, The Friends of Washington County, a non-profit organization, is the only environmental group participating in a Landfill Advisory group which is advising the MPCA concerning these new rules; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Lake Elmo appreciates the stated mission of The Friends of Washington County is the encouragement of excellent stewardship of our natural resources in Washington County;

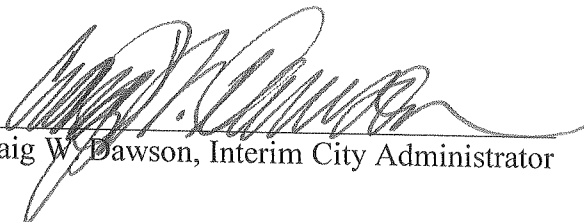
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Lake Elmo that it supports and endorses the efforts of The Friends of Washington County to encourage the MPCA to write such landfill siting rules as are necessary and sufficient to protect Minnesota’s groundwater resources consistent with the statutory goal of “non-degradation.” .

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Lake Elmo on March 17th, 2009

ATTEST:



Dean Johnston, Mayor



Craig W. Dawson, Interim City Administrator