

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

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-14

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LEGISLATION ALLOWING CITIES TO DESIGNATE
THEIR CITY WEBSITE TO PUBLISH PUBLIC NOTICES**

- **WHEREAS**, cities are currently required by law to publish public notices in a designated official newspaper for the city (Minn. Stat. § 331A); and
- **WHEREAS**, cities are committed to providing information to citizens and increasing access to information about city operations and business; and
- **WHEREAS**, citizens expect and demand information in an immediate format; and
- **WHEREAS**, cities have limited resources and must utilize tax dollars in the most efficient way possible; and
- **WHEREAS**, cities should have the authority to determine the best and most efficient method of communicating information to citizens based on citizen expectations; and
- **WHEREAS**, cities are continuously improving and investing in technology to reach more citizens in a timely manner; and
- **WHEREAS**, utilizing city websites to publish public notices would eliminate the time and costly burden of publishing in newspapers; and
- **WHEREAS**, city websites are increasingly the first place citizens look for information about their cities; and
- **WHEREAS**, the ability of city websites to provide citizens with up-to-date, detailed information exceeds that of print media

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the city council of the City of Lake Elmo supports HF 1286 and SF 1152, legislation now before the 2014 legislature that would allow cities to publish certain public notices on their websites instead of, or in addition to, in an official newspaper.

**ADOPTED BY THE LAKE ELMO CITY COUNCIL ON THE FOURTH DAY OF MARCH
2014.**

CITY OF LAKE ELMO

By: _____
Mike Pearson
Mayor

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ATTEST:

Adam Bell
City Clerk