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Legislation Text

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Accepting a Leadership in Community Resilience grant from the National League of Cities.

WHEREAS, the Saint Paul City Council and Mayor Chris Coleman are dedicated to making Saint Paul one of the most sustainable cities in the United States and to protecting our city's air, water, and urban landscape; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Chris Coleman signed the U.S. Mayor's Climate Protection Agreement in 2006 and has prioritized during his administration reducing energy use and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions; advancing clean and renewable energy; increasing energy efficiency and green development; increasing use of clean and fuel efficiency of municipal fleet vehicles; and working to create a sustainable transportation system and solid waste options; and

WHEREAS, in December 2015 Mayor Chris Coleman signed, with the support of the Saint Paul City Council (RES 15-2093), the Compact of Mayors, a global coalition of mayors and city officials pledging to reduce local GHG emissions, enhance resiliency to climate change, and track their progress transparently; and

WHEREAS, by signing the Compact of Mayors, the City of Saint Paul reaffirmed its commitment to reducing GHG, and pledged to meet a series of ambitious milestones outlined in the Compact, which include establishing GHG emissions targets; identifying climate hazards; assessing climate vulnerabilities; and developing climate action and resiliency plan to report annually on progress; and

WHEREAS, the National League of Cities (NLC) has selected the City of Saint Paul to join their *Leadership in Community Resilience* program with the purpose of developing and advancing city-level resiliency models; and

WHEREAS, during the next year, the NLC will facilitate a policy and practice exchange and provide \$10,000 to support a local resilience event.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Saint Paul City Council accepts this grant and hereby authorizes the appropriate city officials to enter into the grant agreement with the National League of Cities.