

CERTIFICATE AS TO RESOLUTION AND ADOPTING VOTE

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and appointed City Clerk of the City of Missoula, Montana (the "City"), hereby certify that the attached resolution is a true copy of a Resolution entitled: **"A Resolution of the City Council Authorizing Submitting to the Qualified Electors of the City of Missoula, Montana, the Question of For the Purpose of Paying a Portion of the Costs of Stewardship and Conservation of Open-Space Lands That are Managed as Natural Areas, Including Care and Maintenance of, Improvements to, and Acquisition of Interests in Such Open-Space Lands, Whether the City Shall be Authorized to Levy Permanently up to 4 Mills per Year, Currently Raising Approximately \$500,000 Annually"** (the "Resolution"), on file in the original records of the City in my legal custody; that the Resolution was duly adopted by the City Council at a meeting on July 16, 2018, and that the meeting was duly held by the City Council and was attended throughout by a quorum, pursuant to call and notice of such meeting given as required by law; and that the Resolution has not as of the date hereof been amended or repealed.

I further certify that, upon vote being taken on the Resolution at said meeting, the following Council members voted in favor thereof; Stacie M. Anderson, Julie Armstrong, Mirtha Becerra, Michelle Cares, John DiBari, Heather Harp, Jordan Hess, Julie Merritt, Bryan von Lossberg, Heidi West; voted against the same: Jesse L. Ramos; abstained from voting thereon: None; or were absent: None.

WITNESS my hand and seal officially this 16th day of July, 2018.

(SEAL)

/s/ Martha L. Rehbein

Martha L. Rehbein
City Clerk

Resolution No. 8279

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BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Missoula, Montana (the "City") as follows:

Section 1. Recitals.

1.01. Authorization. A city council or commission is authorized pursuant to Section 15-10-425, Montana Code Annotated, to increase its mill levies for a specified purpose by conducting a mill levy election as prescribed by law.

1.02. Proposed Project. The Board of County Commissioners of Missoula County, Montana (the "County") will submit to the electors of the County qualified to vote at bond elections the question of whether the County is authorized to sell and issue general obligation bonds of the County in one or more series in the aggregate principal amount of up to \$15,000,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of conserving, enjoying, and enhancing open-space land. The County will submit the bond proposition to eligible voters in the County at a special County election held in conjunction with the general election on November 6, 2018.

1.03. Open-Space Stewardship Mill Levy. The City Council has determined that in conjunction with the general election and the above County bond proposition it is equitable and in the best interests of the City, for the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of stewardship and conservation of open-space lands, including care and maintenance of, improvements to, and acquisition of interests in such open-space lands, to seek authority to levy permanently up to 4 mills per year currently raising approximately \$500,000 annually.

1.04. Definition. For the purpose of this mill levy election, the term "natural areas," as used in the ballot question below, means those lands that are in a primarily natural or undeveloped state, such as riparian areas along creeks and rivers, wetlands, grasslands, forestlands, and open hillsides, and also means corridors, including trails, that connect or provide access to such areas.

Section 2. Calling of the Election. The City Council hereby calls and directs that a special City election be held in conjunction with the general election on November 6, 2018, for the purpose of voting on the following question:

For the purpose of paying a portion of the costs of stewardship and conservation of open-space lands that are managed as natural areas, including care and maintenance of, improvements to, and acquisition of interests in such open-space lands, shall the City Council of the City of Missoula, Montana be

authorized to levy permanently up to 4 mills per year, currently raising approximately \$500,000 annually?

If this mill levy proposition is passed, it is estimated that, using current assessed values of taxable property, property taxes on a home valued at \$100,000 will increase by approximately \$5.40 per year and on a home valued at \$200,000 will increase by approximately \$10.80 per year.

Section 3. Conduct of Election. All qualified electors of the City shall be entitled to vote at the mill levy election. The City Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to give notice of the call and details of this election to the Missoula County Election Administrator as soon as practicable and in any event on or before the date required by the Missoula County Election Administrator. The Missoula County Election Administrator is requested to give notice of the close of registration and thereafter prepare printed lists of the qualified electors in the City entitled to vote in the election in the City and to conduct the election in the form and manner prescribed by law.

Section 4. Notice of Election. The Missoula County Election Administrator is hereby authorized and requested to cause notice of the call and holding of the election to be given by publishing notice at least three times no earlier than 40 days and no later than 10 days before the election in the *Missoula Independent* or the *Missoulian*, each newspapers of general circulation in Missoula County. The notice of election as published shall read substantially as shown on Exhibit A hereto (which is incorporated by reference and made a part hereof).

Section 5. Form of Ballot. The ballot shall be printed in substantially the following form, with such revisions as are necessary or appropriate:

OFFICIAL BALLOT

CITY OF MISSOULA, MONTANA

OPEN-SPACE STEWARDSHIP
MILL LEVY ELECTION
NOVEMBER 6, 2018

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: Completely fill in the oval using a blue or black ink pen before the words "OPEN-SPACE STEWARDSHIP MILL LEVY —YES" if you wish to vote for the mill levy; if you are opposed to the mill levy, completely fill in the oval using a blue or black ink pen before the words "OPEN-SPACE STEWARDSHIP MILL LEVY —NO."

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- OPEN-SPACE STEWARDSHIP MILL LEVY — YES
- OPEN-SPACE STEWARDSHIP MILL LEVY — NO

EXHIBIT A

NOTICE OF OPEN-SPACE STEWARDSHIP
MILL LEVY ELECTION
CITY OF MISSOULA, MONTANA

November 6, 2018

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the City Council (the "Council") of the City of Missoula, Montana (the "City"), that pursuant to a certain resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Council on July 16, 2018, a special city election of the registered voters of the City will be held in conjunction with the general election on November 6, 2018, for the purpose of voting on the following question:

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The polls will be open on November 6, 2018 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., and the polling places for the election will be the normal polling places during a general election.

Absentee ballots may be obtained at the Missoula County Fairgrounds Election Center, 1101 South Ave. W., Bldg 15, Missoula, Montana 59801, from October 9, 2018 until 12:00 noon, November 5, 2018. Electors who miss the close of registration deadline may register late at the Missoula County Fairgrounds Election Center, 1101 South Ave. W., Bldg 15, Missoula, Montana 59801, from October 10, 2018 through 12:00 pm (noon) on November 5, 2018, and on November 6, 2018 from 7:00 am through 8:00 pm.

DATED this ____ day of _____, 2018.

/s/ Dayna Causby
Missoula County Election Administrator

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