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4 Resolution by Benson
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6 **Supporting state personal property tax exemption for Green Institute**
7 **Proposed Phillips Combined Heat and Power Biomass Plant.**
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9 Whereas, the Green Institute is a non-profit (501(c)(3)) organization based in
10 Minneapolis, Minnesota, County of Hennepin, created in 1993 by neighborhood
11 residents to promote sustainable community development; and
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13 Whereas, the Green Institute has successfully established a number of
14 successful community businesses, such as the ReUse Center, DeConstruction
15 Services, and Phillips Eco-Enterprise Center, and currently employs over 40 employees
16 with an annual budget of \$3.3 million; and
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18 Whereas, the Green Institute has created a Community Energy Initiatives Project
19 to address the landfilling of waste materials, such as tree trimmings, construction waste
20 and other urban biomass which could be utilized as a source of electric energy and
21 district heating in Minneapolis; and
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23 Whereas, the Green Institute has proposed that a 10-20 Megawatt electric
24 generation facility be constructed and operated in the City of Minneapolis, using
25 primarily biomass from the metro region which would otherwise require landfilling, and
26 such project has received \$1.9 million of funding from the U.S. Department of Energy
27 and \$200,000 of funding from Xcel Energy to undertake engineering and economic
28 feasibility analysis; and
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30 Whereas, personal property tax exemptions have been approved by the State
31 Legislature for all new electric generation constructed in Minnesota in the past decade;
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34 Whereas, such an exemption from state personal property taxes would decrease
35 the cost to consumers of heat and electricity produced by the facility; and
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37 Whereas, the City of Minneapolis supports reduction, recycling and reuse of
38 materials sent to landfills;
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40 Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

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42 That the City Council supports the enactment of a personal property tax
43 exemption for the Green Institute's Proposed Phillips Combined Heat and Power
44 Biomass Plant.
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