

# *Sustainability Proclamation*

## *RESOLUTION DECLARING RIVER FALLS AN ASPIRING SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY*

*Whereas*, the School District of River Falls acknowledges that the difficult challenges facing the world represent great opportunities to support the deeply-rooted traditional values of our nation, state and community including self-sufficiency, economic vitality, opportunity for all to enjoy a high quality of life, deep respect for the land and environment, and strong commitment to democratic participation; and

*Whereas*, the School District of River Falls recognizes that it desires a prosperous, sustainable future for current and coming generations; and

*Whereas*, the School District of River Falls wishes to strongly support its own sustainability goals and those of the City of River Falls, the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, and the entire River Falls community, as well as those of federal and state governments, thus taking full advantage of opportunities including, but not limited to, program funding, support, and resources; and

*Whereas*, the School District of River Falls pledges to support the sustainability goals of the St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity Eco-village; and

*Whereas*, the School District of River Falls wishes to share its knowledge and encourage and reinforce partner and leadership roles already in the region, state and nation to pursue sustainability in community planning, design, education, health care, and social services; and

*Whereas*, the School District of River Falls recognizes that it will take the collective good will and determined work of citizens, educators, students, businesses, civic organizations, households, and government to become a more sustainable community; and

*Whereas*, by endorsing sustainable community development, the School District of River Falls is pledging to educate itself and its constituents further about sustainability principles and practices, and to expand educational initiatives, professional development, and entrepreneurship in support of this pledge; and

*Whereas*, the School District of River Falls strives to be part of a more sustainable community through collaborative efforts to reduce pollution, limit the degradation or destruction of ecosystems; reduce “carbon footprint” produced by energy use, transportation, and other sources; and reduce conditions that undermine people’s capacity to lead productive, healthy, and civically-engaged lives,

*Now, Therefore Be It Resolved*, that the School District of River Falls declares itself part of an Aspiring Sustainable Community by endorsing the values, principles, and practices of sustainability described herein, and agrees to seek opportunities for collaboration, communication, and partnership with the City of River Falls, the University of Wisconsin-River Falls, and possibly other neighboring entities, in joint sustainability efforts.