At the regular Council meeting held December 19, 2012, at 6:00 p.m. in the Hibbing City Council Chambers, Councilor Jack Lund offered the following Resolution and moved its adoption:

## **RESOLUTION NO. 12-12-06**

## RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE JOBS FOR MINNESOTANS COALITION

WHEREAS, The emerging strategic metals mining industry in Northeast Minnesota promises thousands of new direct and indirect jobs for our region for generations to come; and

**WHEREAS**, Northeast Minnesota strategic metals reserves are estimated to give us one of the largest, and only current domestic sources of nickel, along with some of the most significant sources of copper, cobalt, platinum, and palladium in the world.

WHEREAS, New and emerging technologies look to augment the positive economic development and job creation directly related to strategic metals mining with spin-off industries which can employ significant numbers of people right here on the Iron Range.

WHEREAS, We know that strategic metals mining will have a positive impact on education funding in Minnesota as well as on the development of countless products such as wireless devices, catalytic converters, hybrid cars and other emerging "green economy" needs

WHEREAS, Modern mining companies operating in Northeast Minnesota utilize advanced technology to protect our environment. And all companies will be required to meet Minnesota's rigorous environmental standards and guidelines to assure that our air and water quality standards are protected, and

WHEREAS, Our national security interests are served by meeting our strategic metals needs domestically rather than relying on less stable foreign countries like Russia or China.

WHEREAS, Labor, Business, Local Governments, Educators and others are coalescing around new "Jobs for Minnesotans" with the "Jobs for Minnesotans Coalition" supporting this emerging industry.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City of Hibbing, through its City Council and Mayor strongly support the emerging strategic metals industry across Northeast Minnesota. The City of Hibbing supports and wishes to become an official member of the "Jobs for Minnesotans Coalition" and support the permitting and development of this tremendous jobs opportunity.

The motion to adopt the foregoing Resolution was duly supported by Councilor Tim Harkonen and, upon being put to a vote, carried as follows:

FOR ADOPTION:

Councilor Jack Lund Councilor Tim Harkonen Councilor Patty Shafer Councilor Frank Bigelow Councilor Darby Sater Clerk Patrick L. Garrity Mayor Rick J. Cannata

AGAINST:

None

ABSENT:

None

Passed and adopted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012.

CITY OF HIBBING

Rick J. Cannata, Mayor

Patrick L. Garrity, Clerk-Treasurer