

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Resolution No. **13141**

City of Virginia, Minnesota, **November 26, 2013**

Resolution **supporting the emerging strategic metals mining industry in Northeastern Minnesota and Jobs for Minnesotans**

Resolved by the City Council of the City of Virginia, that

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; and

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; and

WHEREAS, we know that strategic metals mining will have a positive impact on local tax revenues and 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; and

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 metal needs domestically, rather than relying on almost exclusively on imports; and

WHEREAS, Jobs for Minnesotans, a coalition of business, government and labor actively supporting responsible mining in the state and a 501C-4 corporation, has been created to strengthen support for strategic metal mining projects.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Virginia, through its Mayor and City Council, strongly supports the emerging strategic metals industry across Northeast Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Virginia endorses their membership into *Jobs for Minnesotans*, effective this date.

Moved by Councillor **Baribeau** and supported by Councillor **Sipola** that the above resolution be adopted.

Ayes: **Councillors Cuffe, Littlewolf, Ralston, Baribeau, Sipola, Baranzelli, Mayor Russo - 7**

Nays: **None**