Resolution No. 2018-091

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE
“BLACK HILLS RESILIENT FOREST STRATEGY”

WHEREAS, the Black Hills forest ecosystem crosses all land ownerships, thus the responsibility of ensuring a resilient and healthy forest is shared among numerous owners and managers; and

WHEREAS the mountain pine beetle has caused extensive damage throughout the Black Hills over the past 20 years, affecting about 450,000 acres across all landownerships and threatening the socio-economic and ecological values therein; and

WHEREAS wildfires have affected several hundred thousand acres across the Black Hills damaging watersheds, utility infrastructure, timber, habitat and forage, and property; further an accumulation of forest fuels threatens property and resources; and

WHEREAS the Black Hills Conservation Leaders Group was formed to synchronize land management interest and action of the various private, local, state, and federal efforts through a shared vision and strategy; and

WHEREAS, the “Black Hills Resilient Forest Strategy” published in December, 2017 was prepared to address the need for a comprehensive, collaborative approach to address forest fuels and threatened communities, invasive plants and an over-grown forest in transition and to move towards a healthier, resilient forest.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Rapid City endorses the broad principles, goals and objectives of the Black Hills Resilient Forest Strategy and authorize inclusion in the participant list contained therein.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this _____day of _____________2018 by the City of Rapid City

DATED this _____ day of ______, 2018

CITY OF RAPID CITY

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Mayor

Attest

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Finance Officer (seal)