## RESOLUTION # 3485

## A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RED LODGE TO APPROVE AND SUPPORT THE APPLICATION FOR A GRANT WITH THE MONTANA SOLAR COMMUNITY PROJECT

WHEREAS, the City of Red Lodge is applying to the Montana Energy Office at the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and the U.S. Department of Energy's Solar Energy Technologies Office for a Montana Solar Community Project (MSCP) grant to expand Red Lodge's access to solar photovoltaic (PV) energy sources; and

WHEREAS, MSCP is seeking to address the challenge of expanding solar access in Montana by providing funding to reduce the up-front costs for communities and organizations implementing solar PV systems in new and innovative ways that will benefit their communities; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Eklund, Energy Sustainability Coordinator, in the process of completing the grant application for the City of Red Lodge and although the City's approval is not required for the grant application, Kathryn Eklund desires to have the City's approval and support for this project; and

WHEREAS, the grant will assist publicly-owned buildings, multiple residential, commercial or industrial buildings with obtaining solar electricity.

## NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

The City of Red Lodge agrees to and approves Kathryn Eklund's efforts and application for a Montana Solar Community Project (MSCP) grant.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the City Council of the City of Red Lodge at a regular session thereof held on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of July, **2018**.

William Larson, Mayor

Loni Hanson, City Clerk/Treasurer