

RESOLUTION NO. 01-17769

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE BIG SKY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (BSEDA) AS THE LEAD ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT THROUGHOUT YELLOWSTONE COUNTY AND PLEDGING SUPPORT.

WHEREAS, Yellowstone County, Montana is in need of economic growth to improve the standard of living for its citizens and to enhance the business climate to provide more and better jobs; and

WHEREAS, the community has recognized the need for a single cohesive effort when it comes to economic development activities.

WHEREAS, those entities primarily involved in economic development activities include the City of Billings, Yellowstone County, Big Sky Economic Development Authority, the Greater Billings Chamber of Commerce, the Beartooth RC & D, the Downtown Billings Partnership, and the Montana State Department of Commerce; and

WHEREAS, the Big Sky Economic Development Authority (BSEDA) has prepared and distributed a business plan for Fiscal Year 2000/2001; and

WHEREAS, those entities primarily involved in economic development activities plus Montana State University – Billings and Rocky Mountain College have created the "Committee of Chairs"; and

WHEREAS, the community as a whole can benefit from the "*Committee of Chairs*" working in a single cohesive effort for improving the business climate of Yellowstone County.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Billings, Montana recognizes the Big Sky Economic Development Authority (BSEDA) as the lead organization for Economic Development throughout Yellowstone County and pledges:

1. To support the efforts of BSEDA.
2. Be an active member of the *Committee of Chairs* and meet on a regular basis to help shape community-wide economic development activities.
3. Work with BSEDA to communicate to the public our coordinated efforts to help recruit, retain and expand business in Montana.

I. COMPOSITION. The *Committee of Chairs* shall be comprised of the top staff members of the following organizations:

- City of Billings
- Yellowstone County
- Big Sky Economic Development Authority
- Greater Billings Chamber of Commerce
- Beartooth RC&D
- Downtown Billings Partnership
- Montana Department of Commerce
- Montana State University – Billings
- Rocky Mountain College

II. DURATION. The *Committee of Chairs* shall exist indefinitely in order to enhance communication, encourage cooperation, and avoid duplication among members in the area of economic development.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Billings City Council on this 24th day of September, 2001.



THE CITY OF BILLINGS:

BY:

Charles F. Tooley
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ATTEST:

BY:

Marita Herold
Marita Herold, CMC/AE City Clerk