

A RESOLUTION OF THE BILLINGS CITY COUNCIL EXPRESSING ITS
SUPPORT AND ENDORSEMENT FOR THE "FOUR DANCE CLIFF" PROJECT.

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Land Management, The Yellowstone River Parks Association and other public spirited groups have negotiated the purchase and donation of a tract of land known as the Four Dance Cliff, i.e. Sacrifice Cliff; and

WHEREAS, the owner and all cooperative managers of this land desire to keep the area undeveloped in a effort to provide open space park land for visitors, to maintain the scenic beauty of this southern backdrop to the City of Billings, to maintain the array of wildlife inhabiting the land, which include deer, fox, coyotes, bobcat and the endangered Peregrine Falcon and to protect the historic site of a cabin used as a retreat by nationally recognized cowboy author and artist, Will James; and

WHEREAS, the cooperative management of this parcel is to be accomplished via a Memorandum of Understanding between the property owner -- Vincent T. and Louise Larsen, the Bureau of Land Management and the Yellowstone River Parks Association, a nonprofit organization; and

WHEREAS, the Larsens will be donating a significant portion of the land, additional funding is necessary from federal appropriations of the Land and Water Conservation Fund to acquire the tract.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BILLINGS, MONTANA:

The City of Billings supports and endorses the Four Dance Cliff project as a unique opportunity to place this valuable land into public ownership to protect its natural state, to protect the habitat of many species of wildlife that inhabit the area and to provide numerous recreational and educational opportunities for the community's residents and visitors.

PASSED by the City Council and APPROVED this 22nd day of June, 1998.



THE CITY OF BILLINGS:

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Charles F. Tooley
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ATTEST:

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Marita Herold
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