

RESOLUTION NO. 96-17068

A RESOLUTION OF INTENT OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
BILLINGS, MONTANA, REGARDING SULPHUR DIOXIDE EMISSIONS WITHIN
THE GREATER BILLINGS REGION

WHEREAS, the Billings City Council is actively interested in air quality throughout Yellowstone County, and is particularly concerned about local sulphur dioxide emissions as they affect Yellowstone County and the City of Billings; and

WHEREAS, in 1985 the Montana Legislature adopted House Bill No. 534, also known as the "Hannah Bill"; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 534 provides that contributing industries in Yellowstone County are required only to meet Federal standards for sulphur dioxide emissions rather than the more stringent State standards applicable throughout the remainder of the state; and

WHEREAS, the Hannah Bill has been in effect in Montana's Air Quality Rules since July of 1987, and since then, significant efforts have occurred in Billings, Montana, including the redevelopment of the Montana State Implementation Plan for the region and completion of significant regional industrial air quality enhancements; and

WHEREAS, the Hannah Bill was initially implemented to allow additional time for voluntary compliance with State air quality standards by local industries; and

WHEREAS, Billings City Council recognizes that there is significant public interest in the eventual repeal of the Hannah Bill and the return of Billings and Yellowstone County to the same air quality standards applicable to the rest of the state; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Billings, Montana as follows:

The City Council hereby declares its intent to consider the passage of a resolution supporting the repeal of the Hannah Bill at its regularly scheduled meeting on February 26, 1996.

FURTHER, the City Council hereby schedules a public hearing for February 26, 1996, at 7:30 p.m. to receive public comment on the City Council intent to support the repeal of the Hannah Bill for the benefit of Billings residents.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 12 day of February, 1996.



THE CITY OF BILLINGS:

BY: Charles F. Tooley MAYOR

ATTEST:

Marita Herold
Marita Herold, CMC CITY CLERK