

RESOLUTION NO. 96-17076

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 1987 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 recommends the Montana Legislature repeal House Bill No. 534, also known as the "Hannah Bill". The City Council urges the repeal of this legislation to provide Billings' citizens with the same uniform State clean air standards as afforded other citizens in Montana.

FURTHER, the Billings City Council urges members of the Billings Legislative Delegation to actively work for the repeal of the Hannah Bill.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 26th day of February, 1996.

THE CITY OF BILLINGS:



BY: Charles F. Tealby
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Marita Hessel
CITY CLERK