

**CITY OF HAMBURG, MINNESOTA
RESOLUTION NUMBER 2009-01**

***RESOLUTION* SUPPORTING FUNDING FOR THE
MN VALLEY REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY'S RAIL LINE**

WHEREAS, the City of Hamburg is served by the Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority's rail line; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hamburg recognizes the growing importance of rail traffic to ease congestion on our state and local highways; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Hamburg recognizes the economic development potential for Hamburg and all communities and counties along the 94-mile rail line; and,

WHEREAS, parts of the current track or more than 100 years old; and,

WHEREAS, bridges, trestles and bridges along the track will also need to be upgraded to accommodate heavier loads,

WHEREAS, it will cost an estimated \$70 million to upgrade all of the track and create up to 120 construction jobs, and;

WHEREAS, an estimated 600 new jobs could be created in the five counties served by the railroad if the track is upgraded; and,

WHEREAS, the track upgrade project is shovel ready for the spring of 2009;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HAMBURG, CARVER COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA, THAT THE CITY SUPPORTS STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING FOR THE MINNESOTA VALLEY REGIONAL RAIL AUTHORITY'S RAIL LINE FOR TRACK UPGRADES.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly made by Council Member Mueller and seconded by Council Member Cummiskey, and the motion unanimously carried.

I CERTIFY THAT the above resolution was adopted by the City Council of Hamburg, Carver County, Minnesota this 13th day of January, 2009.

Richard Malz, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jeremy Gruenhagen, City Clerk/Treasurer