PROCLAMATION: WINTER SALT WEEK

JANUARY 27-31, 2025

**WHEREAS**, the City of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ relies on deicing salt as part of its winter maintenance program to maintain safe and accessible roadways; and

**WHEREAS**, all the salt applied to roadways ends up in our freshwater; and

**WHEREAS**, chloride contamination from deicing salt has been found in lakes, streams, and groundwater in [CITY NAME]’s [primary lake and stream names] watersheds and across the state; and

**WHEREAS,** reducing overuse of deicing salt reduces damage to infrastructure and property, protects freshwater resources, and reduces harm to aquatic plants and animals; and

**WHEREAS**, it is crucial to raise awareness among residents, businesses, and local government agencies about the responsible use of deicing salt to protect both public safety and the long-term health of our freshwater resources; and

**WHEREAS,** Winter Salt Week provides an opportunity to educate our community about the responsible use of deicing salt, including environmental considerations and effective application methods; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_can contribute to deicing salt pollution reduction efforts locally by learning about smart salting practices, engaging in safe winter driving, hiring trained service providers, and participating in the ‘Low Salt, No Salt, Minnesota’ program; and

**WHEREAS,** the City is committed to promoting a sustainable approach to winter maintenance for the benefit of present and future generations;

**NOW, THEREFORE,** we the City Council of the City of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, proclaim January 27-31, 2025 as

“WINTER SALT WEEK”

In the City of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and urge all residents, businesses, and city departments to take part in activities and initiatives that promote the responsible use of deicing salt and encourage the adoption of winter maintenance strategies which maintain safety while reducing environmental harm.

Dated this [DATE]th day of [MONTH], 202\_.

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