

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Taconite Production Tax generates significant revenue in lieu of local property tax, and;

WHEREAS, This revenue supports funding for essential cities, schools, towns, and counties programs across the Range, and;

WHEREAS, Funds also aid the industry itself through reinvestments in technology and equipment to keep the industry competitive, and;

WHEREAS, The statute requires legislators serve on the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board with at least a majority having 50 percent of their districts population reside in the Taconite Relief Area, and;

WHEREAS, The legislators representing the Taconite Relief area are the most knowledgeable about the issues important to the overall economic well-being of the region, and;

WHEREAS, It is imperative for the long-term benefit of the Range that as many legislators as possible represent their constituents needs with membership on the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board, and;

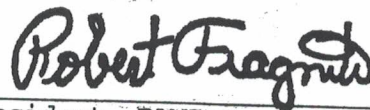
WHEREAS, It appears that given the appointments made of both House of Representatives and Senate members to the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board under Minnesota Statute 298.22, sub2, the House of Representatives has not met its statutory requirement.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That RAMS urges Speaker Sviggum to reconsider his appointments and name a majority of the House members to the board from legislative districts that meet the 50 percent of the residents requirement under MS 298.22, subd 2, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That RAMS recommends that the Range Delegation work with RAMS to assure that the appropriate body formally requests the Attorney General for an opinion on whether the requirements in Minnesota Statute 298.22, sub2 are fulfilled;

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, That if it is determined that the statute was violated, the request ask the Attorney General to prescribe the required appointment changes.

BY:



President, RAMS Board of Directors

Adopted this 29th day of January, 1999.