

**RANGE ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPALITIES & SCHOOLS
RESOLUTION #2015-005**

WHEREAS, the latest announced shutdown of Northshore Mining in Silver Bay and Babbitt has raised the number of out of work miners in Northeastern MN to 1700 or nearly 40% of mine workers in Northeastern Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, there have been 157 determinations of illegal dumping of foreign steel imports into the United States in 2015 in violation of our own trade agreements which has an obvious impact on our steel industry, and

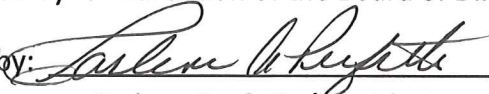
WHEREAS, since precedent was set in 2002 when, President Bush exercised his authority by Executive Order and place significant tariffs and duties on foreign steel imports effectively revitalizing our domestic production of steel which was suffering through a very similar downturn at that time, and

WHEREAS, U.S. Congressman Rick Nolan has proposed to introduce legislation that would provide for a 5 year ban on foreign steel imports thereby allowing a return to full production by domestic mining operations and steel mill production, and

WHEREAS, U.S. Congressman Nolan, U.S. Senator Klobuchar, U.S. Senator Franken, MN Governor Dayton and MN Senator Bakk are asking President Obama to exercise his executive authority to issue tariffs and duties just as President Bush did,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Range Association of Municipalities & Schools, representing all communities, schools and townships in the Taconite Relief Area of Northeastern, Minnesota, strongly supports immediate action such as the proposed legislation to ban foreign imports for 5 years, and further encourages our Congressional delegation, and local delegation to pursue immediate relief for our laid off mine workers and the beleaguered steel industry.

Approved by formal action of the Board of Directors: In Favor 14 Opposed 1

Signed by: 
Carlene Perfetto/President

Signed by: 
David Worshek/Secretary - Treasurer

Dated: Dec 3, 2015