RESOLUTION 2016-012

ESTABLISHING "SOLAR ENERGY SUMMER" AND WAIVING ALTERNATIVE ENERGY INSTALLATION FEES FOR ALL SOLAR INSTALLATIONS FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY/AUGUST/SEPTEMBER

WHEREAS, the Ketchum City Council desires to encourage the installation of home solar electric and/or solar hot water to promote clean renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, the Ketchum City Council desires to support the "Solarize Blaine" initiative, conducted by the non-profit Sun Valley Institute for Resilience and its partners, to promote a bulk purchase of solar photovoltaic equipment and lower the cost of solar for Blaine County Residents; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Idaho Code \S 63-1311, the City of Ketchum is empowered to collect fees for services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ketchum can eliminate one financial barrier to solar energy installation by waiving associated permit fees;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Ketchum, Idaho, as follows:

<u>SECTION 1</u>: That the City of Ketchum hereby establishes the month of July 2016 as the City's "Solar Energy Month."

<u>SECTION 2:</u> That the City hereby waives all City-mandated fees charged for installation of solar energy systems for the period between July 1 and August 15, 2016 for any solar installation project that files for an Alternative Energy System Installation application by September 30, 2016.

<u>SECTION 3:</u> That this resolution does not waive any fees required by the State Division of Building Safety, or other agencies or organizations with legally-binding oversight.

APPROVED BY THE KETCHUM CITY COUNCIL THIS 5th day of JULY, 2016.

APPROVED:

Nina Jonas, Mayor

City of Ketchum

ATTEST:

Robin Crotty, Interim City Clerk

City of Ketchum