RESOLUTION 2016-018

ESTABLISHING "SOLAR ENERGY MONTH" AND WAIVING ALTERNATIVE ENERGY INSTALLATION FEES FOR ALL SOLAR INSTALLATIONS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY

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 Ketchum 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 § 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;

WHERAS, the City of Ketchum adopted resolution 16-012 in July 2016 and Resolution 16-018 rescinds and replaces 16-012 in its entirety;

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 between June 20 and September 31, 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 6th day of September, 2016.

APPROVED:

Nina Jonas, Mayor

City of Ketchum

ATTEST:

Robin Crotty, Interim City Clerk

City of Ketchum