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## **RESOLUTION NO. 303**

## A RESOLUTION OF THE STEVENSVILLE TOWN COUNCIL TO CREATE THE H<sub>2</sub>O (HELP TO OTHERS) WATER ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR THE TOWN OF STEVENSVILLE, MONTANA

WHEREAS, the Town of Stevensville initiated a Water Rate Study in 2009 to determine if the water rates were adequate to meet future water construction and operating and maintenance expenses;

WHEREAS, the Town of Stevensville, by Resolution #256, adopted a new water rate schedule on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010;

WHEREAS, the Town of Stevensville implemented the new water rates in May, 2012;

WHEREAS, the Town of Stevensville, both in public meeting and by personal contacts from water customers, heard of the significant financial impact that these rates had on low income households;

WHEREAS, the Stevensville Town Council wishes to mitigate this impact to the extent possible;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Town of Stevensville will create the  $H_2O$  (Help to Others) Program. The program will provide a monthly fixed credit on the bill, subject to funds availability, for qualified water customers.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a customer will qualify for the H<sub>2</sub>O Program by first qualifying for the LIEAP Program (Low Income Energy Assistance Program) administered by the Human Resource Council.

DATED this 21th day of September, 2012, after motion and second at a regular meeting of the Town Council.

Bill Perrin, Acting Mayor

Stacy Bartlett, Town Clerk