

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE ARROWHEAD AGENCY ON AGING TO EXPEDITE SECURING A SERVICE PROVIDER TO OPERATE A CONGREGATE MEAL PROGRAM IN DULUTH IN CALENDAR YEAR 2009 AND PLEDGING TO KEEP THE CURRENT MEAL LOCATIONS OPEN.

BY PRESIDENT REINERT:

RECITALS:

(a) Congregate dining programs are funded through federal and state dollars which are allocated to the Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging (the agency), part of ARDC. It is the responsibility of the agency to secure a contract with a service provider to operate a congregate meal program in Duluth. In the event of a change in service providers, there are protocols and procedures in place to provide for the transition from one provider to another;

(b) Currently, the Agency contracts with the city of Duluth to provide a congregate meal program in Duluth at the following eight locations: Morgan Park Community Recreation Center, City Center West (Evergreen), Lincoln Park Center, Piedmont Community Recreation Center, Rainbow Center, Duluth Heights Holy Cross Church, Portman Community Recreation Center and Woodland Gardens Apartments;

(c) In June of each year, congregate dining program service providers must send an "intent to apply" form to the agency in order to be considered for providing the services for the following year. This year, the city of Duluth sent a letter to the agency informing the agency that the city does not wish to be considered for funding for the congregate meal program in Duluth in calendar year 2009;

(d) Since the city of Duluth will not be entering into a contract with the agency, the agency must secure the services of another service provider to operate congregate meal program in Duluth for calendar year 2009;

(e) The city desires that the agency secure another service provider as soon possible in order to provide a seamless transition in providers that will have the least effect on seniors and to eliminate the perception that the program

will not exist in 2009;

(f) The city further desires to make current congregate meal sites in city facilities available for the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the city of Duluth does hereby request that the agency expedite securing another congregate meal program service provider to alleviate concerns over program loss and eliminate the perception that the program will no longer exist after January 1, 2009.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the city pledges its partnership in the program by maintaining current city facilities as open and available for use as congregate meal sites.

Approved as to form:

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Attorney

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution asks the Arrowhead Agency on Aging to expedite securing a new service provider to operate the congregate meal program and to pledge to keep the current city facilities open and available for the program.