

PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE HEARTSAFE NORTHLAND PROGRAM SPONSORED BY THE NORTHLAND CHAPTER OF THE RED CROSS AND OTHER COMMUNITY PARTNERS.

BY COUNCILOR STAUBER AND PRESIDENT ANDERSON:

WHEREAS, the city council recognizes that each year over 335,000 people die in the United States from sudden cardiac arrest (SCA), many in this city and surrounding region, without being hospitalized or admitted to the emergency room; and

WHEREAS, there are over 1.2 million heart attacks in the United States each year in which nearly half result in death and that sometimes there are just minutes before the chance of survival begins to rapidly diminish without early CPR and early defibrillation; and

WHEREAS, the Northland Chapter of the Red Cross has partnered with key members of the community in an effort to improve cardiovascular health and survival rates in the Duluth/Superior region, with the purposes of:

(a) Recognizing EMS and community partners who are working to improve survival and recovery rates for cardiovascular events; and

(b) Enhancing partnerships, resources and services to improve cardiovascular health, and decrease deaths and disability due to SCA and heart attack.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Duluth City Council along with the Northland Chapter of the Red Cross hereby encourage all citizens to recognize the chain of survival from an SCA or heart attack, including:

(a) Early access to care - know the signs and call 911;

(b) Early cardiopulmonary resuscitation - CPR;

(c) Early defibrillation - automatic external defibrillators, or AEDs;

(d) Early advanced care - local EMS teams.

The council and Red Cross encourages all local citizens to participate in the steps to survival, including:

(a) Learn SCA and heart attack warning signs;

- (b) Get trained in CPR and AEDs;
- (c) Talk with family and friends about warning signs and calling 911; and
- (d) Watch for signs in friends, family, co-workers and neighbors and act quickly - call 911.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the council hereby recognizes the value of promoting a basic healthy heart program in our region including:

- (a) Community CPR and AED sessions;
 - (b) Community education and awareness initiatives to promote cardiovascular health;
 - (c) First response vehicles equipped with AEDs and AED trained personnel;
- and
- (d) AEDs in public areas with people at higher risk of cardiac arrest.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the council hereby encourages business, industry, government, churches and any place of gathering where there are large numbers of people to be equipped with AEDs and that staff, employees and every capable citizen be trained in CPR and the simple use of AEDs.

FURTHER RESOLVED, the council hereby recognizes the Northland Chapter of the Red Cross, the Duluth fire department, the Duluth police department, St. Luke's Cardiology Associates; Gold Cross Ambulance and the Arrowhead EMS

Association for their efforts in making Duluth a healthier place to live through the Heartsafe Northland program.

Approved as to form:

Attorney

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution provides support for the Red Cross Heartsafe Northland program and their partners in creating a community better able to recognize and respond to SCA or heart attacks.