RESOLUTION

Resolution Affirming the Date for the School District Primary Election
And the School Board Member Candidate Filing Period

The Duluth city council has passed the following:

WHEREAS, Chapter 281 of the Laws of Minnesota, 1973, provides that the Duluth city council establish the date for the municipal primary election which, in addition to municipal elections, includes school board elections; and

WHEREAS, on November 25, 1974, the Duluth city council passed a resolution establishing the first Tuesday after the second Monday in September as the date for the municipal primary election; and

WHEREAS, the municipal and school board primary elections has been held on the first Tuesday after the second Monday in September since 1975; and

WHEREAS, in 2010, the state legislature passed a law changing the date of the primaries to the second Tuesday in August; and

WHEREAS, the 2010 legislation did not include any provision which would supersede, repeal or amend the 1973 special law, and the city of Duluth continues to be able to set its own date for the municipal and school board primary elections; and

WHEREAS, the 2013 legislature is considering changing the date of the primary election from the second Tuesday in August to sometime in June, which may cause voter confusion and decrease voter turnout.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE RESOLVED, that the Duluth city council hereby re-affirms tha the date for the municipal and school board primary election be the first Tuesday after the second Monday in September.

As a result, the school district primary election (if needed) will be held on September 10, 2013, and the school board member candidate filing period will be July 2 through July 16, 2013.

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