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Duluth City Council
c/o Ms. Chelsea Helmer, Clerk
Duluth City Hall
411 West First Street, Room 330
Duluth, MN 55802

Dear Duluth City Council,

Congratulations! The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Oral Health Program and Drinking Water Protection Section are pleased to present the city of Duluth with the American Dental Association (ADA), Association of State and Territorial Dental Directors (ASTDD), and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) **2020 Community Water Fluoridation 50 Year Award**. This award is given jointly to recognize public water systems that have consistently adjusted the fluoride concentration in drinking water for the past 50 years.

Because of your efforts and continued support from generations of dental professionals and other health care providers, health care and public health organizations, community leaders, water professionals, and untold others, the prevention of tooth decay through community water fluoridation is recognized by the CDC as one of 10 great achievements in public health of the 20th century. We hope that this award will provide you with an opportunity to highlight your excellent work.

Congratulations on this outstanding achievement and thank you for providing safe, dependable drinking water for your community. If you have any questions about the award, please contact either David Rindal, MDH Drinking Water Protection, at (651) 201-4660 and (david.rindal@state.mn.us), or Muneera Hassan, MDH Oral Health Program, at (651) 201-5424 and (muneera.hassan@state.mn.us).

Sincerely,

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