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BY PRESIDENT ANDERSON:

WHEREAS, creative expression and the literary, visual, and performing arts are a critical component and reflection of community life allowing for histories, perspectives, ideas, stories and lives to be shared; and WHEREAS, art may be defined by a variety of different methods and spans mediums which include visual art, sculpture, dance, spoken word, film, storytelling, literature, fabric art, music, theater and other forms of creative expression; and

WHEREAS, Duluth has an abundance and diversity of artistic voices and a rich arts community that is supported by institutional and individual partners which operate through the dedication of employees, volunteers, and boards; and

WHEREAS, public recognition of the arts is an opportunity to acknowledge the important role the arts and artists play in the social, physical, cultural and economic development of Duluth.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Duluth city council hereby establish the 2020 Duluth Distinguished Artists Award.

FURTHER RESOLVED, each member of the city council may bestow one Duluth Distinguished Artist Award during 2020.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution sets in place the opportunity for each of the nine Duluth city councilors to bestow one Duluth Distinguished Artist Award in 2020. Because art is defined differently by individuals, each councilor may select their artist based on criteria of their own choosing, with the exception that the artist must reside in Duluth. Participation in bestowing the Duluth Distinguished Artist Award is optional on the part of each councilor.