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**SUBJECT: RESIDENTS INVITED TO PUBLIC HEARING ON SYNTHETIC DRUGS**

**BY: Daniel Fanning, Community Relations Officer - Mayor's Office**

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**Minnesota Attorney General, State Committee to Hear Public Testimony in Duluth**

[Duluth, MN] – Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson will conduct a public hearing in Duluth on Friday, June 7, 2013 to discuss public policy relating to synthetic drugs. Residents are welcome to attend and invited to participate in the hearing. Anyone who wishes to offer testimony should contact John Howe in the Attorney General's Office at [john.howe@ag.state.mn.us](mailto:john.howe@ag.state.mn.us) or (800) 657-3787.

Members of the State Committee on Controlled Substances and Synthetic Drugs will also be on hand to listen to testimony and gain a better understanding of the increasing public health epidemic. The newly formed committee, chaired by State Rep. Erik Simonson of Duluth (DFL), has been tasked with examining the issue of drug abuse and recommending policies to combat the sale of synthetic drugs. Along with Rep. Simonson, the committee includes Reps. Kathy Lohmer, R-Stillwater; Jim Newburger, R-Becker; Dan Schoen, DFL-St. Paul Park; and John Ward, DFL-Baxter.

**NOTICE OF JUNE 7 PUBLIC HEARING ON SYNTHETIC DRUGS**

Attorney General Lori Swanson will conduct a public hearing in Duluth on Friday, June 7, 2013 to discuss public policy relating to synthetic drugs.

**Topic:** Hearing to discuss public policy relating to synthetic drugs

**Date:** Friday, June 7, 2013

**Time:** 2:00 p.m.

**Location:** Sheraton Hotel, 301 East Superior Street, Duluth

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