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SUBJECT: Duluth to Celebrate Independence Day on July 5th with Fifth Fest at Bayfront Festival Park

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Duluth to Celebrate Independence Day on July 5th with "Fifth Fest" at Bayfront Festival Park

[Duluth, MN] - The City of Duluth and the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center are announcing that the traditional July 4th festivities will be delayed to July 5th in the interest of public safety and due to the high risk of rain and thunderstorms this evening. The "Fifth Fest" events at Bayfront Festival Park will follow the same schedule with gates opening at 4 pm for the public to enjoy vendors and free musical performances starting at 4:30 until 10 pm. The fireworks display will then light up the beautiful clear night sky at 10:10 pm and will last about 20-25 minutes. The Aerial Lift Bridge will also be lit red, white and blue.

For those heading down to Bayfront, here are some reminders:

-Please remember that pets are not allowed in Bayfront Park for these festivities.

PARKING:

-Limited parking will be available at the DECC parking ramp, Great Lakes Aquarium Lot, and in parking lots along Railroad Street west of 5th Avenue West

-It is advised that event participants park in the downtown area and walk to Bayfront.

-Several downtown parking ramps are located within a few minutes walking distance to Bayfront Park and are accessible by taking the Michigan St. exit from I35 north bound or the 5th Ave West exit from the I35 off ramp. Follow the blue parking signs.

HARBOR DRIVE CLOSURE:

-Harbor Drive behind the DECC will be closed to traffic beginning at 6 p.m. to accommodate pedestrians
AERIAL LIFT BRIDGE & MINNESOTA SLIP BRIDGE:

-The Aerial Lift Bridge will remain down from 7 p.m. to midnight and will not lift for water vessels.

-The Minnesota Slip Bridge will remain in the down position from 8 p.m. to 11:30 p.m for pedestrian access

POST FIREWORKS:

-At the conclusion of the fireworks display, motorists in the Canal Park and Park Point area should EXPECT LONG DELAYS, and access to the Canal Park and Park Point areas WILL BE RESTRICTED for approximately one hour, until most of the congestion in that area has been alleviated. If you need to get to those areas, it is advised you arrive before 10:00 p.m. to avoid getting caught in the congestion.

-The Duluth Police Department will be providing traffic control at the end of the fireworks to facilitate the smooth exit of vehicles and pedestrians from this area. Be aware of officers and watch for their directions. Drivers caught going around Police barricades or cones WILL BE CITED.

The City of Duluth and the DECC appreciates the public's patience and understanding with the weather related circumstances and the need to maintain a safe and enjoyable event for everyone.

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