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[Duluth, MN] - Duluth Mayor Emily Larson is releasing the following statement upon hearing of Congressman Nolan's decision to retire at the end of his current term:

"Rick Nolan has been a friend of mine for several years. He was one of the first people to support me for Mayor, and he has worked behind the scenes countless times to advocate for Duluth in Washington DC. I am incredibly grateful for his service to the people of Minnesota.

Despite his announcement this morning that he will be retiring from Congress at the end of the year, I'm certain he'll continue to put his complete effort into serving the people of Minnesota for the remainder of his term.

Big thanks also go to his staff – both here in Duluth and in Washington DC. Together, they work every single day to ensure that people get access to the resources they need and deserve. Whether advocating for a military veteran's benefits or awards, assisting a family through the immigration system or simply offering to support initiatives and funding requests that are important to the City, Rick and his staff are among the best.

I wish he, Mary and their wonderful family all the best.

My commitment to public service remains the same today as it was yesterday: Mayor of Duluth. While I thank others for asking me to consider running, I love the day to day impact of local government and am choosing to keep my full focus right here at home, in beautiful Duluth."