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**DATE: 10/15/2013**

**SUBJECT: Duluth Earns National Recognition as Bike Friendly Community Award Presentation This Thursday, 10:00 a.m., at Sister City Park**  
**BY: Pakou Ly, Public Information Coordinator**

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**Duluth Earns National Recognition as Bike Friendly Community**  
Award Presentation This Thursday, 10:00 a.m., at Sister City Park

[Duluth, MN] - The City of Duluth and the Healthy Duluth Area Coalition will be holding an awards ceremony to celebrate Duluth being named a Bicycle Friendly Community by the American League of Cyclists. An increasing number of city leaders in communities across the country, including Duluth, are embracing the environmental, financial and quality of life benefits that come with a Bicycle Friendly Community.

The public is invited to attend the ceremony on Thursday, October 17, 2013, at 10:00 a.m. at Sister City Park, next to Lakeplace Park, along the Duluth Lakewalk. A representative from the Bicycle Alliance of Minnesota will present the award to Mayor Ness. Other speakers will include a representative from the Healthy Duluth Area Coalition and Cyclists of Gitchee Gummee Shores (COGGS). Attendees are encouraged to arrive by bicycle.

**WHAT: Ceremony Honoring Duluth as Bike Friendly Community**

**WHEN: Thursday, October 17, 2013, 10:00 a.m.**

**WHERE: Sister City Park, next to Lakeplace Park, by the Duluth Lakewalk**

**Rain location: Duluth City Hall, Lobby, 402, 411 W. 1<sup>st</sup> Street.**

Duluth will join the ranks as one of the 291 Bicycle Friendly Communities (BFCs) in 48 states across America. The Bronze BFC award recognizes Duluth's commitment to improving conditions for bicycling through investment in bicycling promotion, education programs, infrastructure and pro-bicycling policies.

For more information about the ceremony, contact Daniel Fanning, City of Duluth, at (218) 730-5307 or Lisa Luokkala, Healthy Duluth, at 612-390-0696.

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