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**SUBJECT: Mayor Larson announces efforts to thank frontline workers on Wednesday, November 25**

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**Mayor Larson announces efforts to thank frontline workers on Wednesday, November 25**

[Duluth, MN] Mayor Larson announced in a Facebook video today, November 23, several efforts that will take place on Wednesday, November 25, to thank frontline workers in the Twin Ports.

“Last week, we lit the Lift Bridge and Enger Tower in purple to honor those who have died in Minnesota this year,” Mayor Larson said. “This week, on Wednesday, we will light the Lift Bridge and Enger Tower again, but this time to thank people. To thank our frontline workers for the last eight months in sectors that have been critical to all of our wellbeing. We are lighting these iconic monuments purple for them with our gratitude.”

Mayor Larson also announced that the Duluth Fire and Police Departments would be conducting a vehicle parade around Essentia Health and St. Luke’s medical campuses as a direct thank you from City of Duluth frontline workers to healthcare frontline staff. Due to the ongoing pandemic, this vehicle parade is not open to the public.

Finally, Mayor Larson asks the public for their help in recognizing all essential workers who continue to work through the pandemic. She has asked for residents to step outside or open a window and bang pots and pans at 3:30 p.m. – a time that is generally a shift change, and is in normal times the end of the school day; to show our support for the thousands going to work every day so that our community can keep going.

Mayor Larson went on to say, “Thank you to our frontline workers for taking care of us, our children, our families, and our loved ones. For making sure that we have food, that we have healthcare, that we have public safety, that we have utilities. We need all of you. You are seen, and you are valued.”

Please join us in recognizing frontline workers on Wednesday, November 25.

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