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**Resolution Supporting 2012 Amendments to
Highland Village Special Sign District Plan**

Whereas the current Highland Village Special Sign District Plan, which is part of the City of Saint Paul Zoning Code, has not been reviewed or updated since it was created in 1985; and

Whereas the original Highland Village Special Sign District Plan has not been kept current with city-wide sign code or technology updates; and

Whereas the Highland District Council requested a review of the Highland Village Special Sign District with the City of Saint Paul Planning Commission in February of 2011; and

Whereas a Task Force made up of representatives of the Highland District Council and Highland Business Association worked with City staff from October 2011 to April 2012 to recommend boundary and language changes to the plan; and

Whereas amendments to the Highland Village Special Sign District Plan are more prescriptive than the city-wide code and are intended to strengthen the business district by encouraging attractive, well-designed signs that add to the streetscape and do not clutter or detract from the appearance of the streetscape or the businesses; and

Whereas the Highland Business Association voted to support the sign plan updates in May 2012; and

Whereas the Community Development Committee of the Highland District Council at its May meeting reviewed the sign plan changes and voted to recommend support of Highland Village Special Sign District Plan amendments to the full board,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Highland District Council supports the changes documented in the Highland Village Special Sign District Plan of 1985/2012 and urges the Planning Commission and City Council to adopt the amended special sign district plan.

Approved June 7, 2012
by the Highland District Council

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