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**Resolution Urging City Action on Funding for Sidewalk Replacement
in the Highland Village Commercial Area**

Whereas sidewalks throughout the Highland Village commercial area are more than 25 years old, past their useful life, and no longer economically feasible to repair; and

Whereas the Highland Village commercial area sidewalks, which were designed with inlaid bricks throughout, now pose a dangerous tripping hazard and liability for the City because of loose, missing, and heaved bricks; and

Whereas maintenance and improvement of the Highland Village commercial area streetscape are goals of the District 15 Highland Park District Plan; and

Whereas replacing the sidewalk and streetscape amenities in the Highland Village commercial area has been a collaborative goal of Highland Village area property owners, businesses, City of Saint Paul Department of Public Works, the Parks and Recreation Department (Hillcrest Recreation Center is located in this areas), the department of Planning and Economic Development, the Highland District Council and Highland Business Association for more than four years; and

Whereas Highland Village is a successful commercial district which generates millions of dollars for the City, County and State in property and sales taxes and through salaries paid to several hundred persons employed within the Village; and

Whereas replacement of the Highland Village commercial area sidewalks at this time will reduce the future cost of long-term maintenance; and

Whereas redevelopment of the Ford Assembly Plant property is an important priority for the City of Saint Paul and the Highland Park neighborhood and having the commercial district along Ford and Cleveland in a run down condition may be detrimental to future redevelopment efforts;

Therefore be it resolved, that the Highland District Council strongly urges the Mayor and Saint Paul City Council to take any and all action required to direct resources to be used for the restoration of the Highland Village commercial area sidewalks as soon as possible.

Adopted on May 30, 2012
by the Highland District Council

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