



The City of Minneapolis

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

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Authorizing Fire Fighters employed by the City to participate in the partnership between the International Association of Fire Fighters and the Muscular Dystrophy Association by soliciting for donations during the 2015 “Fill the Boot” campaign.

Whereas, the International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) is the labor organization that represents the 300,000 professional fire fighters who serve the public by saving lives and protecting property in cities and governmental units throughout the United States and Canada; and

Whereas, the IAFF is the single largest national sponsor of the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA); and

Whereas, since 1954, when it first initiated its partnership with the MDA, IAFF members have raised over \$275 million toward the worldwide research efforts of MDA to eradicate 40 neuromuscular diseases as well as help support MDA’s summer camps for children, professional and public health education, and other programs; and

Whereas, each year fire fighters raise millions of dollars nationwide through their Fill the Boot campaigns, in which fire fighters collect donations of money to MDA in their fire boots; and

Whereas, the commitment of the fire fighters to the cause of MDA has further elevated their image as extraordinary professionals who not only put their own lives at stake to save others from fires, explosions, structural collapses, and other disasters but also as heroes helping to work toward saving the lives of the innocent victims of neuromuscular diseases; and

Whereas, the devoted support of IAFF members to the MDA not only provides significant financial assistance to finding a cure for these diseases, but also strengthens the relationship between the fire fighters and the members of the community they serve through the face-to-face interactions during the Fill the Boot campaign; and

Whereas, several cities across the United States annually allow their fire fighter crews to conduct the Fill the Boot campaign activities while on-duty in a manner that leaves them available and responsible to responding to emergency calls; and

Whereas, Minneapolis fire fighters conduct their Fill the Boot activities with their assigned fire rigs such as to permit immediate response to any call for service; and

Whereas, Minneapolis fire fighters are active members of IAFF Local 82 and have previously participated in the Fill the Boot campaign; and

Whereas, the Charitable Organization Policy adopted October 30, 2009, precludes on-duty fire fighter participation in the Fill the Boot campaign; and

Whereas, unlike other City of Minneapolis employees, fire fighters work a twenty-four hour shift that includes down time for personal activities; and

Whereas, Minneapolis fire fighters intend to conduct their 2015 Fill the Boot activities on September 23, 24, and 25, 2015; and

Whereas, the Minnesota Chapter of the MDA has recognized the significant and valuable contribution of Minneapolis fire fighters to their annual fundraising efforts and strongly seeks their continued participation; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis supports the efforts of IAFF Local 82 and the MDA to find a cure for these terrible diseases; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis recognizes that participation by its fire fighters in the nationwide MDA Fill the Boot campaign serves not only to raise money for MDA but also benefits the City by greatly enhancing the image of its fire fighters as dedicated public servants engaged in the community through their employment and in service to charitable causes;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That Minneapolis fire fighter participation in the 2015 Fill the Boot campaign while on-duty will neither interfere with nor preclude the performance of their regular daily duties nor detract from other work-related obligations to the public.

Be It Further Resolved that Minneapolis fire fighter participation in the 2015 Fill the Boot campaign will be in the public interest and primarily serve a public purpose.

Be It Further Resolved that Minneapolis fire fighter participation in the 2015 Fill the Boot campaign is contingent upon 1) the compliance of the MDA with Minneapolis Code of Ordinances, Chapter 333, Article II, Charitable Solicitations; 2) the completed execution of an agreement between the City and the MDA in which the MDA agrees to defend and indemnify and hold harmless the City of Minneapolis for all workers' compensation claims and tort claims arising out of the Minneapolis fire fighter participation in the Fill the Boot campaign, including any costs incurred by the City pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 299A; and 3) the MDA's provision of proof of commercial general liability insurance policy against claims for bodily

injury and property damage with a limit of no less than \$1,500,000 per occurrence and an endorsement to the policy naming the City of Minneapolis as an additional insured.

Be It Further Resolved that the fire fighters participation in the 2015 Fill the Boot campaign is exempted from the restrictions of the Charitable Organizations Policy.

Be It Further Resolved that Minneapolis firefighters' participation in the 2015 Fill the Boot campaign is subject to reasonable conditions and limitations as may be established by the Fire Chief.

Be It Further Resolved that the 35W Bridge shall be lit in red the 23rd Day of September, 2015, to highlight fire fighter support on the first day of the Fill the Boot campaign.