STATE OF MINNESOTA		DISTRICT COURT	
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN		FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT	
		File No. 27-CV-23-9758	
City of Long Lake,		CASE TYPE:	
	Plaintiff,		
v.		DECLARATION OF COLE FARL	EY
City of Orono,			
	Defendant.		
STATE OF MINNESOTA			
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN) ss.		
I, Cole Farley, declare as fo	ollows:		

- 1. I am a current firefighter with the Long Lake Fire Department. I have personal knowledge of the facts contained herein and am competent to testify to them.
- 2. Orono Mayor Dennis Walsh's October 25, 2023 declaration falsely represents our two phone calls on the evening of September 26, 2023.
- 3. When Mayor Walsh first called me on September 26, 2023, I had absolutely no impression during or after the call that is was "friendly" in nature.
- 4. Mayor Walsh never pointedly stated that there were problems with Orono Fire Department Applicants. He only vaguely mentioned something to the effect of "calls/messages have been happening" that are slanderous, malicious, or smearing in nature. He did not provide me any detail about what was going on or who was involved.

- 5. I do not believe the phone call was "cordial." I felt personally threatened and intimidated by Mayor Walsh, particularly because he mentioned "lawsuits" multiple times and the difficulty that comes with lawsuits.
- 6. A few minutes after our phone call ended, I called Mayor Walsh back to let him know that his call was "extremely offensive." Mayor Walsh "did not ask for any clarification or ask if I had any knowledge of the situation." Instead, he immediately started to strongly impress upon me the seriousness of certain behaviors and the litigation that could come from them.
- 7. I have since learned that the text message I sent to my friend, Blair Mileski, was the purported reason behind Mayor Walsh's phone call.
- 8. Mr. Mileski and I are good friends and he knew that my text message to him was in jest.

I declare under penalty of perjury that everything I have stated in this document is true and correct. Executed on November 1, 2023 in Hennepin County, Minnesota.

s/Cole Farley

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