

PROCLAMATION

ROBOTICS DAY IN THE CITY OF EDINA

Whereas: *FIRST* is an organization that seeks to inspire school students to be science and technology leaders through an exciting competition-based, after-school activity; and

Whereas: During the last ten years the number of active *FIRST* robotics teams in the Edina School District has grown from one high school team with 16 students, to 18 teams active at all levels from kindergarten to high school and serving more than 150 students; and

Whereas: At the elementary school level, *FIRST* Lego League and now Junior *FIRST* LEGO League, have grown over 7 years from 2 teams to 10 teams taking part in this year's competition; and

Whereas: At the middle school level, *FIRST* Tech Challenge, has grown over 7 years from 1 team to 7 teams taking part in this year's competition; and

Whereas: The *FIRST* Robotics Competition is now a Minnesota State High School League program, the first such state-sanctioned program for high school robotics teams, setting an example for the rest of the nation; and

Whereas: This year Edina, for the first time, hosts a *FIRST* Tech Challenge competition, a *FIRST* Lego League tournament, and the inaugural Junior *FIRST* Lego League Expo in the Twin Cities metropolitan area all on the same day at Edina High School and Valley View Middle School; and

Whereas: All *FIRST* teams seek to make STEM a more integral and celebrated part of our community. With all of the challenges we now face as a nation, the *FIRST* Robotics program continues to be a vital to our community's future well-being and prosperity.

Now, therefore, **the City Council of Edina**, does hereby proclaim Saturday, December 13, 2014, as

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In witness thereof, I have here unto set by hand this 2nd day of December, 2014.

James B. Hovland, Mayor