To: Lisa Bayley, President Red Wing City Council
        Kay Kuhlmann, City Administrator
From: Mayor Dennis P Egan

RE: Resignation April 1, 2013

Red Wing has been home for my family the last 14 years and I have worked hard to ensure Red Wing is viewed as a special place to live, visit, and work. I am proud to serve as Mayor, and take my responsibilities as mayor very seriously.

In the last few weeks, people have expressed concern that I have recently taken work for the Minnesota Industrial Sand Council that may conflict with my duties as Mayor. I am pleased that the city attorney opined via letter that there is not a conflict of interest in my position, and I can continue to serve the city as its mayor.

Yet, I believe that a mayor must live to a higher standard than just avoiding conflicts of interest. The position of Mayor is one of public service, and if a mayor's activities serve as a distraction or roadblock for the city, the public is not well-served. The last few weeks have demonstrated that my new position can serve as a distraction to the city and my family, something that I cannot tolerate as Mayor.

Therefore, I will be resigning as Mayor of Red Wing on April 1, 2013. I will work with the City Council to ensure a transition that will not jeopardize the work we need accomplished at City Hall.

After then, I will refocus my time towards my family and growing my small business. I am confident I will stay involved with the Community of Red Wing just in a different capacity.

We should never lose our willingness to maintain the balance of interests that has made Red Wing a strong city. This city on the working Mississippi River supports jobs, economic opportunity, a strong community and respect for the environment. We must never lose the ability to bring people together to look at facts, share information and make decisions that are in the best interest of our community.

I am honored to have had the opportunity to be the Mayor of Red Wing, and I look forward to continuing to serve in this community.