

**RESOLUTION R03-12467**

**RESOLUTION INTRODUCED BY COUNCILOR NORBIE ACCEPTING THE NINE TOOLS OF CIVILITY.**

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the City of Superior place a high value on respect and civility in their lives and they understand that these characteristics are essential to any healthy community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Superior City Council supports opportunities for civil discourse and discussion in the community and in the Government Center; and

**WHEREAS**, the Superior City Council addresses sometimes controversial issues about which people often feel passionately B which at times leads to uncivil behavior; and

**WHEREAS**, an atmosphere of incivility and disrespect can have a damaging effect on the proceedings, on the quality of debate, and on the practice of democracy itself.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SUPERIOR, WISCONSIN**, that the Superior City Council recognizes nine tools of civility that will provide increased opportunities for civil discourse in order to find positive resolutions to the issues that face our city. These tools include:

1. Pay attention.
2. Listen.
3. Be inclusive.
4. Don=t gossip.
5. Show respect.
6. Be agreeable.
7. Apologize.
8. Give constructive criticism.
9. Take responsibility.
- \*10. Tell the truth (\*Amended at the 9/2/03 Council meeting)

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Superior City Council shall promote the use and adherence of these tools in conducting the business of the Council.

Passed and adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2003.

Approved this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2003.

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Mayor Dave Ross

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk Margaret Ciccone