



# RESOLUTION

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS - A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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## RECOGNIZING INTERNATIONAL WORKERS DAY

- Whereas: Around the world May 1 is celebrated as International Workers Day, and in over 60 countries it is a holiday to recognize struggles for workers' rights; and
- Whereas: May 1 was first celebrated in the United States in 1886 as part of the struggle for the eight-hour workday, and hundreds of thousands of workers across the country went on strike to demand better working conditions and shorter hours; and
- Whereas: Many of the workers who struggled for the eight-hour workday in 1886 were immigrant and Black workers among others who had been previously excluded from the actions around labor and faced repression, discrimination, and violence; and
- Whereas: May 1 celebrations returned to Minneapolis in 2006 because of the dedicated work done by the immigrant rights movement to counter discrimination and human rights violations against immigrants at the national level and strengthen relationship between organized labor and immigrant workers; and
- Whereas: The Minneapolis City Council passed resolutions in 2007 and 2009 recognizing the growing immigrant and workers' rights rallies in Minneapolis on May 1, which have continued annually through the present year; and
- Whereas: Minneapolis has a long history of immigrant and workers' rights advocates coming together in the spirit of solidarity; and
- Whereas: Immigrants, workers, and their families are an essential and valued component of our Minneapolis community; and
- Whereas: Mayday 2026 will be a de-centralized and community-organized parade, ceremony, and festival held on May 3 in Powderhorn Park;

### —NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED—

That the Mayor and City Council do hereby recognize May 1, 2026, as International Workers Day in recognition of immigrant and workers' rights.

Passed this the Twenty-Third Day of April 2026

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Elliott Payne, President of the Council

Approved:

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Jacob Frey, Mayor

Attest:

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Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk