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City of Minneapolis

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RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE				
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Payne	X			
Osman	X			
Chughtai	X			
Wonsley	X			
Rainville	X			
Vetaw	X			
Warren	X			
Shaffer	X			
Stevenson	X			
Chavez	X			
Whiting	X			
Chowdhury	X			
Palmisano	X			

MAYOR ACTION

APPROVED

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[Signature]
MAYOR
MAY 14 2026

DATE

Certified an official action of the City Council

ATTEST:

[Signature]
CITY CLERK

Presented to Mayor: MAY 08 2026

Received from Mayor: MAY 14 2026

Honoring the life and legacy of Kirk Washington, Jr.

Whereas, Kirk Washington, Jr. was a poet of uncommon vision, a painter of truth across walls and pages, an actor of grace, a teacher of fierce love, an author of insight, and an activist whose every step was a work of art; and

Whereas, he walked this world hand in hand with his beloved wife, Aster Nebro, and was a devoted father to two radiant daughters, Azalea and Keah, who carry forward his fire and his tenderness; and

Whereas, Kirk Washington, Jr. was a weaver of people, a thread that bound strangers into community, believing that building bonds was itself a sacred creative act; and

Whereas, he was a bridge between people, between cultures, between generations, guiding others across divides with courage and compassion, always pointing toward justice and possibility; and

Whereas, his gatherings were more than events; they were living, breathing installations of thought, heart, and transformation, where dialogue flowed like music and everyone had a place in the circle; and

Whereas, Kirk left his fingerprints on the very soul of Minneapolis as a graffiti artist painting the unseen, a spoken word prophet lifting stories from silence, and a storyteller who could turn memory into movement; and

Whereas, he taught not from behind a podium alone, but from the sidewalks and coffee shops, from corners and classrooms, reminding us all that learning is a life-long unfolding and wisdom lives in community; and

Whereas, Kirk knew his voice, and sang with it; he knew his power, and shared it; he knew his worth, and helped others find theirs. Kirk was a mirror, a beacon, a source of unshakable inspiration; and

Whereas, though the world may no longer see him in form, Kirk Washington Jr. remains ever-present in the rhythm of North Minneapolis; in its murals, in its movements, in the hearts of all who knew him—and his legacy continues to grow like roots beneath our feet;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the Mayor and City Council do hereby recognize May 9, 2026, as Kirk Washington, Jr. Day, in celebration of his enduring contributions to the city he loved, especially his transformative service to the arts and the Northside community he called home.