



RESOLUTION

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

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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—

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.

Passed this the Seventh Day of May 2026

Elliott Payne, President of the Council

Approved:

Jacob Frey, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk