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City of Minneapolis

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Committee: None

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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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MAYOR

MAY 26 2026

DATE

Certified an official action of the City Council

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

Presented to Mayor: MAY 22 2026

Received from Mayor: MAY 26 2026

Honoring the significance of the Haitian flag to the people of Haiti and supporting the goals and ideals of Haitian flag day.

Whereas, in 1492 the Indigenous Taino people discovered the lost mercenary Christopher Columbus off the coast of what was known then and now as Haiti or Ayiti, a name deriving from the Arawak language, and one which was restored after Independence was won from the French; and

Whereas, after a painful history of Indigenous genocide and cruel exploitation of the labor of enslaved African peoples on vast sugar and coffee plantations that transferred significant wealth to European colonial powers, Haiti became the only nation in the Western Hemisphere to defeat three European empires, and remains the only nation in the world established as the result of a successful revolutionary uprising of enslaved African people; and

Whereas, hundreds of Haitians have made the Twin Cities their home, often as refugees, and this civically engaged community is a unique part of the diversity of Minneapolis, contributing to our vibrant arts, musical scene, and local business community; and

Whereas, when Haiti was hit by a devastating earthquake in 2010, the Haitian diaspora community in Minneapolis and around the world acted, gathering resources and supplies to send home, and the local Haitian community created the nonprofit Haitian Communities of Minnesota to align efforts for earthquake relief and continue to provide services to local Haitian families through this organization; and

Whereas, the city recognizes the efforts and work of the Haitian Communities of Minnesota who provide sustainable support and advocacy for Haitian people living in Minnesota and Haiti; and

Whereas, Haitian Flag Day is celebrated annually on May 18, marking the date of creation of the first Haitian flag sewn by Catherine Flon, on May 18, 1803, in Arcahaie, Haiti; and

Whereas, the Haitian flag is a symbol of pride, unity, individual liberty, and is tightly linked to the country's history of struggle and freedom;

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

That the Mayor and City Council do hereby recognizes May 18 as Haitian Flag Day, recognizes the significance of the Haitian Flag to the people of Haiti, and supports the goals and ideals of Haitian Flag Day.