



RESOLUTION

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

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RECOGNIZING MAY 25, 2026, AS THE SIXTH YEAR SINCE THE POLICE MURDER OF GEORGE FLOYD IN MINNEAPOLIS THAT SPARKED A GLOBAL CATALYST FOR JUSTICE

- Whereas: George Floyd was born on October 14, 1973, in Fayetteville, North Carolina, later moving to Houston, Texas, where he grew up playing basketball and football throughout high school and college; and
- Whereas: In adulthood, Mr. Floyd worked hard to make changes in his life centered in religious mentorship, community service, and messages of anti-violence; and
- Whereas: Mr. Floyd moved to the Minneapolis area in 2014 where he worked as a truck driver and provided security as a bouncer at local small businesses. He was a beloved father, brother, relative, and friend who declared throughout his life that he would one day “change the world”; and
- Whereas: On May 25, 2020, near the intersection of 38th Street and Chicago Avenue, now known as ‘George Floyd Square,’ after making a store purchase, George Floyd was confronted by four Minneapolis police officers whose actions led to his horrific murder and the kneeling on his neck by former Minneapolis Police Officer Derek Chauvin for over nine minutes; and
- Whereas: What is commonly known as the 8-minute, 46-second video, but is actually 9 minutes and 29 seconds long, that captured the murder was taken by a bystander and minor at the time whose quick thinking and instinct proved integral to the ensuing global protest of police brutality and systemic racism, the movement for racial justice, and the criminal convictions of the four officers responsible for Mr. Floyd’s murder and the violation of his civil rights; and
- Whereas: Community members, activists, and organizers immediately came together to preserve artworks and other offerings and to regularly assemble at George Floyd Square; advocate for solutions to dismantle systemic racism including the ‘24 Demands,’ as well as create on the ground memorials like the fist sculpture at the intersection, garden, and ‘Say Their Names Cemetery;’ and
- Whereas: Mr. Floyd’s murder launched legal investigations by the Minnesota Department of Human Rights and the United States Department of Justice into the violation of civil rights by the MPD. The probe lasted over three years and resulted in court enforceable agreements due to findings of pattern and practice that the MPD “uses excessive force, including unjustified deadly force and unreasonable use of tasers; unlawfully discriminates against Black people and Native American people in its enforcement activities, including the use of force following stops; violates the rights of people engaged in protected speech; and along with the City, discriminates against people with behavioral health disabilities when responding to calls for assistance”; and
- Whereas: The City of Minneapolis began crafting and implementing police reforms immediately following the murder of George Floyd as the investigations happened. This included banning the use of chokeholds, requiring officers to report and intervene when they witness unauthorized uses of force, making changes to the use and protocol of crowd control munitions, among other important reforms; and
- Whereas: The City of Minneapolis continues to confront this legacy through mourning, resistance, healing, and the pursuit of equity and transformation. The City has committed to ongoing work that recognizes the collective pain and trauma caused by the police murder of George Floyd through racial healing and restorative justice initiatives, transforming traditional policing, improving police accountability, investing in upstream solutions, and dismantling systemic racism at the City of Minneapolis; and
- Whereas: The City of Minneapolis is transforming traditional policing into a community safety ecosystem by improving community access and input into the oversight of police; investing in violence prevention programs, restorative justice and racial healing initiatives, alternative response models, embedded mental health responders; and co-locating police precincts with other services to address community needs more holistically, among others;

—NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED—

That the Mayor and City Council do hereby recognize May 25, 2026, as the sixth year since the police murder of George Floyd that sparked a global catalyst for justice and acknowledge there is much work yet to be done to address systemic racism at the City of Minneapolis.

Passed this the Twenty-First Day of May 2026

Elliott Payne, President of the Council

Approved:

Jacob Frey, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk