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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

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MAYOR

JUN 15 2026

DATE

Certified an official action of the City Council

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

Presented to Mayor: JUN 12 2026

Received from Mayor: JUN 17 2026

Honoring Immigrant Heritage Month, World Refuge Day, and Caribbean American Heritage Month.

Whereas, we recognize Mni Sota Makoce (Minnesota) as the ancestral homeland of the Dakhóta and Ojibwe Native Nations, and honor the Indigenous communities who have stewarded this land since time immemorial; and

Whereas, immigrants, refugees, and Caribbean American communities are an essential part of Minneapolis' social, cultural, economic, and civic life, bringing vision, talent, entrepreneurship, resilience, and care to every corner of the city; and

Whereas, from neighborhood small businesses and restaurants to hospitals, schools, construction sites, arts organizations, transit systems, and places of worship, immigrant and refugee communities help power and sustain Minneapolis every day; and

Whereas, the City recognizes that diversity is not a challenge to overcome, but one of Minneapolis' greatest strengths, creating a richer, more vibrant, more innovative, and more connected community; and

Whereas, Caribbean American residents carry forward histories of liberation, creativity, and cultural influence that continue to shape Minneapolis through music, food, storytelling, activism, entrepreneurship, and community leadership; and

Whereas, World Refugee Day recognizes the courage, dignity, and perseverance of people forced to flee war, violence, persecution, climate disaster, and instability, and honors the journeys of those who rebuild their lives and communities with hope and determination; and

Whereas, Immigrant Heritage Month is an opportunity to celebrate the stories, sacrifices, and dreams of immigrants whose pursuit of safety, opportunity, and belonging reflects the enduring promise of a more just and inclusive society; and

Whereas, at a time when immigrant and refugee communities are facing heightened fear, harmful rhetoric, family separation, over-policing, and threats to their dignity and sense of belonging, the City of Minneapolis affirms that every resident deserves safety, respect, and the freedom to live without intimidation or discrimination; and

Whereas, Minneapolis rejects xenophobia, racism, anti-Blackness, Islamophobia, antisemitism, and all forms of hate that seek to divide communities or diminish the humanity of immigrants and refugees; and

Whereas, the City recognizes that welcoming immigrants and refugees strengthens neighborhoods, grows local businesses, expands cultural vitality, supports economic prosperity, and builds a more connected and resilient Minneapolis for future generations; and

Whereas, Minneapolis remains committed to ensuring meaningful language access, equitable access to city services, and opportunities for all residents to participate fully in civic and community life regardless of immigration status or country of origin; and

Whereas, the City celebrates the youth, elders, families, and community leaders who continue to preserve cultural traditions, advocate for justice, and create spaces of belonging and mutual care across Minneapolis; and

Whereas, the City acknowledges the leadership of immigrant- and refugee-led organizations, cultural groups, and grassroots advocates who work every day to protect human dignity, support new arrivals, and strengthen community trust and solidarity; and

Whereas: Minneapolis believes that a welcoming city is one where all people, regardless of where they were born, are valued not only for what they contribute, but for their inherent humanity and right to belong;

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

That the Mayor and City Council do hereby recognize the month of June as Immigrant Heritage Month and Caribbean American Heritage Month, as well as June 20 as World Refugee Day.



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