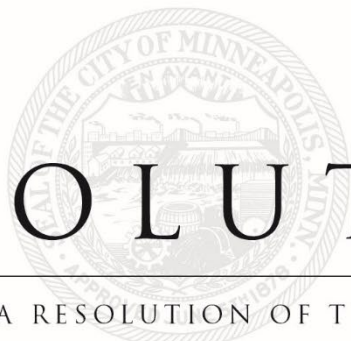




RESOLUTION

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

By: Wonsley, Payne, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Osman, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury, and Palmisano

RECOGNIZING JUNE 20–26 AS SPECIAL OLYMPICS WEEK IN MINNEAPOLIS

- Whereas: Special Olympics provides year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sporting events for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities, giving them continuing opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy, participate in a competitive environment, share skills and friendship with their families, other Special Olympics athletes, and the community; and
- Whereas: The Special Olympics movement promotes inclusion, awareness, and understanding in communities worldwide and inspires people of all abilities to achieve their full potential; and
- Whereas: Minneapolis has a proud history of supporting Special Olympics programs and celebrating the accomplishments of athletes in the community; and
- Whereas: The Twin Cities last hosted the Special Olympics USA Games 35 years ago in 1991; and
- Whereas: Recognizing Special Olympics Week provides an opportunity to honor the dedication, perseverance, and achievements of over 3,000 Special Olympics athletes and 1,500 coaches, and countless volunteers and supporters representing all 50 states; and
- Whereas: The City of Minneapolis wishes every athlete and coach good luck as they participate in their respective events on the University of Minnesota Campus and in the City of Blaine, our friendly neighbors to the north;

—NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED—

The week of June 20–26, 2026, is hereby designated as Special Olympics Week in the City of Minneapolis. All residents are encouraged to participate in activities and programs that promote awareness, inclusion, and support for Special Olympics athletes. The City of Minneapolis commends the efforts of all volunteers, coaches, and athletes involved in Special Olympics for their dedication to fostering courage, confidence, and community.

Passed this the Eleventh Day of June 2026

Elliott Payne, President of the Council

Approved:

Jacob Frey, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk