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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 30 2026

DATE

Certified an official action of the City Council

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

Presented to Mayor: JUN 26 2026

Received from Mayor: JUN 30 2026

Calling on the Minnesota Legislature to Establish Local Authority to Protect Transgender, Nonbinary, and Gender-Expansive Residents' Equal Access to Restroom Facilities.

Whereas, the Minnesota Human Rights Act, Minn. Stat. § 363A.11 prohibits discrimination in places of public accommodation on the basis of gender identity; and

Whereas, the Minneapolis Civil Rights Ordinance prohibits discrimination in places of public accommodation on the basis of gender identity; and

Whereas, access to safe and appropriate restroom facilities is a fundamental matter of dignity and health; and

Whereas, transgender, nonbinary, and gender-expansive individuals in Minneapolis face documented barriers to restroom access in places of public accommodation, including exclusion, harassment, and humiliation; and

Whereas, Minnesota Statutes § 326B.121 preempts municipalities from adopting ordinances that contain building standards that differ from the State Building Code, including local requirements governing building standards for restroom access beyond State construction standards; and

Whereas, the 2020 State Building Code update requires that single-occupancy restrooms not be restricted to a single sex, but does not allow municipalities to further regulate building standards for single-occupancy restrooms.

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

That the City calls on the Minnesota State Legislature to amend Minnesota Statutes § 326B.121 to explicitly authorize municipalities to enact building standards to provide equal access to restroom facilities in places of public accommodation, regardless of gender identity.

Be It Further Resolved that the Director of the Intergovernmental Relations Department is hereby authorized to submit this resolution to Minneapolis' elected representatives to the Minnesota State Legislature and Governor.