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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

Honoring the 25 year Anniversary of the Power to the People Stage and recognizing Sunday, June 28, 2026, as "Power to the People Stage Day" in the City of Minneapolis.

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis affirms its commitment to racial justice, gender equity, and liberation for all people, and recognizes that Pride Month began as protest rooted in resistance to systematic oppression; and

Whereas, Twin Cities Pride Festival, taking place June 27–28, 2026, remains a powerful expression of visibility, solidarity, and collective action for 2SLGBTQIA+ communities across our region; and

Whereas, the Power to the People Stage, established in 2001, was created as an intentional and unapologetic platform to center the voices, artistry, and leadership of Black, Indigenous, and people of

color (BIPOC), transgender, nonbinary, and other historically marginalized 2SLGBTQIA+ communities; and

Whereas, the stage's enduring impact has been guided by visionary leaders and community builders, including Nick Metcalf of Minnesota Men of Color, who created pathways for this space to be, and Rox Anderson of RARE Productions, who has held the space over the years. These visionary leaders and community builders' work has amplified community power, cultural expression, and political consciousness; and

Whereas, for 25 years, the Power to the People Stage has stood as a space of resistance, celebration, healing, and truth-telling uplifting performers, activists, and organizers whose voices have too often been excluded from mainstream platforms; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis acknowledges that equity requires not only recognition but action, and honors spaces like the Power to the People Stage as essential to dismantling systemic inequities and advancing justice; and

Whereas, the year 2026 marks the 25 anniversary of the Power to the People Stage and provides an opportunity to celebrate its legacy while recommitting to the ongoing struggle for liberation and inclusion; and

Whereas, Nick Metcalf is hereby especially honored for his leadership, advocacy, and unwavering dedication to uplifting community through the Power to the People Stage and beyond;

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

That the Mayor and City Council do hereby honor the 25 Anniversary of the Power to the People Stage and recognize its lasting impact on advancing equity, representation, and justice within the 2SLGBTQIA+ community and the City of Minneapolis; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Mayor and City Council hereby proclaim Sunday, June 28, 2026, as "Power to the People Stage Day" in the City of Minneapolis; and

Be It Further Resolved that the Mayor and City Council call upon all residents to celebrate, uplift, and support the voices and leadership of BIPOC, transgender, nonbinary, and marginalized 2SLGBTQIA+ communities; and

Be It Further Resolved that the City of Minneapolis recommits to supporting community-led movements, cultural spaces, and policy initiatives that advance racial justice, gender equity, and the full liberation of all people.