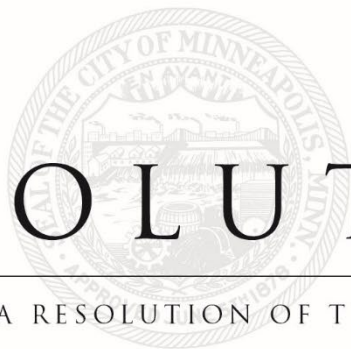




RESOLUTION

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

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

HONORING MINNESOTA PEOPLE OF COLOR LGBTQ+ PRIDE AND TWIN CITIES BLACK PRIDE 2026

- Whereas: Minnesota People of Color LGBTQ+ Pride (MNPOC Pride), founded in 1999, has served the Twin Cities community for more than 25 years by creating affirming spaces that celebrate, empower, and uplift LGBTQ+ people of color through advocacy, education, health initiatives, cultural programming, and community engagement; and
- Whereas: MNPOC Pride was founded in 1999 through the vision and leadership of Dennis Anderson, LaTonya Noble, and Raymel Givens, whose commitment to creating safe, affirming, and culturally responsive spaces has strengthened and expanded opportunities for LGBTQ+ people of color throughout Minnesota; and
- Whereas: Twin Cities Black Pride is one of Minnesota's longest-running celebrations dedicated to honoring the history, resilience, leadership, and contributions of LGBTQ+ people of color while fostering inclusion, equity, and belonging for all residents; and
- Whereas: The 2026 Twin Cities Black Pride celebration, themed "Always Better Together," recognizes the power of community, collective liberation, and collaboration in creating a more just and welcoming Minneapolis; and
- Whereas: Minnesota People of Color LGBTQ+ Pride works year-round to improve health outcomes, develop youth leadership, strengthen community partnerships, and create opportunities that support the wellbeing of LGBTQ+ communities across Minnesota through community events, public health initiatives, youth leadership development, advocacy, and cultural programming; and
- Whereas: The City of Minneapolis recognizes the importance of organizations that promote equity, celebrate diversity, preserve community history, and build stronger communities through service, education, advocacy, and leadership;

—NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED—

That the Mayor and City Council do hereby honors Minnesota People of Color LGBTQ+ Pride for its more than 25 years of service to the City of Minneapolis and the State of Minnesota, recognizes the organization's continued commitment to uplifting LGBTQ+ people of color, and celebrates the 2026 Twin Cities Black Pride celebration. The City further recognizes the vision and leadership of founders Dennis Anderson, LaTonya Noble, and Raymel Givens, whose dedication has created a lasting legacy of advocacy, inclusion, and community empowerment.

Passed this the Thirteenth Day of August 2026

Elliott Payne, President of the Council

Approved:

Jacob Frey, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk