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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

AUG 31 2026

DATE

Certified an official action of the City Council

ATTEST

CITY CLERK

Presented to Mayor: AUG 27 2026

Received from Mayor: AUG 31 2026

Honoring the victims, survivors, families, and community of Annunciation and commemorating one year of hope and healing.

Whereas, Annunciation Parish and School is a vibrant Catholic Community serving as a steadfast anchor in South Minneapolis since 1922, where people have come to pray, to learn, and to create community; and

Whereas, on August 27, 2025, the Annunciation community experienced a tragic act of violence that forever changed the lives of students, families, faculty, staff, parishioners, first responders, and neighbors; and

Whereas, the city of Minneapolis mourns the loss of Fletcher Merkel and Harper Moyski, whose lives were taken that day, and extends its deepest sympathy to their families, friends, classmates, teachers, and all those who knew and loved them; and

Whereas, we remember Fletcher and Harper not for the circumstances of their deaths, but for the lives they lived, the people they loved, and the lasting impact they made on their families, friends, school, and community; and

Whereas, we recognize as well all those who were injured, traumatized, or otherwise affected by the events of August 27, 2025, and acknowledge the continuing journey of grief and healing experienced by the Annunciation community; and

Whereas, healing from trauma is an ongoing journey, and every individual and family experiences that journey differently, deserving compassion, understanding, and continued support; and

Whereas, throughout the past year, the Annunciation community has demonstrated extraordinary resilience, courage, faith, and compassion by caring for one another, supporting those who are grieving, and continuing to move forward together despite unimaginable loss; and

Whereas, countless educators, counselors, clergy, healthcare professionals, first responders, volunteers, nonprofit organizations, and community members have offered their time, expertise, generosity, and kindness to help support the healing process; and

Whereas, the city of Minneapolis recognizes the enduring power of communities to care for one another in times of need and honors the compassion, generosity, and resilience demonstrated by those who walk alongside others on the path toward healing; and

Whereas, the one-year mark serves not only as a time to remember those whose lives were forever changed, but also as an opportunity to reaffirm our shared commitment to compassion and a future grounded in care for one another;

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

That the Mayor and City Council do hereby recognize the resilience and strength demonstrated by the Annunciation community and all those impacted by this tragedy and expresses its gratitude to the many individuals and organizations who have walked alongside the community throughout its healing journey. Further, the city of Minneapolis encourages residents to honor this one-year mark through acts of kindness, service, and volunteerism, recognizing that caring for one another is one of the most meaningful ways a community can demonstrate its support and strengthen the bonds that unite us, and offers this resolution as an expression of remembrance, solidarity, and hope for the future.