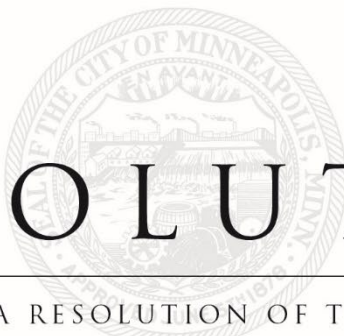




RESOLUTION

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

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

RECOGNIZING WELCOMING WEEK 2026

- Whereas: Welcoming Week, sponsored nationally by Welcoming America, brings communities together to strengthen connections across languages, cultures and customs, to affirm the contributions of all communities, including immigrants, refugees, New Americans, and longtime residents, and to invite reflection on the meaning and process of acquiring United States citizenship; and
- Whereas: The Cities of Minneapolis and Saint Paul, have collaborated in developing this resolution to affirm a shared regional commitment to welcoming communities and to recognize that every resident benefits when our cities foster belonging, safety, connection, and opportunity for all; and
- Whereas: Minneapolis is strengthened by the people who call our city home, including immigrants, refugees, new Americans and longtime residents who contribute as neighbors, workers, business owners, public servants, community leaders, and advocates; and
- Whereas: The stories, cultures, languages, and experiences of our diverse communities are the essence of Minneapolis and contribute to the cultural, civic, and economic vitality of our city; and
- Whereas: Current events with continuing impact on our communities, including Operation Metro Surge, have demonstrated the importance of trust, clear and accurate information, standing up for one another, and ensuring that we all have safe spaces to live, work, seek help, and participate in community life without fear of discrimination or harm; and
- Whereas: A welcoming Minneapolis requires more than words or celebrations. It calls for continued commitment to language access, equitable services, meaningful community engagement, inclusive employment practices, and ensuring residents have real opportunities to shape the decisions that affect their lives; and
- Whereas: Our communities continue to show resilience, creativity, and support for one another, reinforcing the strength that comes from shared commitment to belonging; and
- Whereas: Welcoming Week 2026 with the theme “Stories We Share: The Courage to Connect” will take place September 10 through September 19, 2026, offering Minneapolis opportunities to recognize the people and communities who make our city stronger and to renew our shared commitment to belonging, dignity, safety, and opportunity for all;

—NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED—

That the Mayor and City Council do hereby recognizes Welcoming Week 2026, September 10–19, and reaffirms Minneapolis’ commitment to being a city where every resident can experience safety, dignity, connection, opportunity, and belonging. Further, the city of Minneapolis encourages community recognition of Welcoming Week through strengthening connections and partnerships, expanding equitable access to services, and supporting community-driven efforts that foster trust and inclusion throughout the city.

Passed this the Twenty-Seventh Day of August 2026

Elliott Payne, President of the Council

Approved:

Jacob Frey, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk