



The City of Minneapolis

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

**By Gordon, Reich, Frey, B. Johnson, Yang, Warsame,
Goodman, Glidden, Cano, Bender, Quincy, A. Johnson, and Palmisano**

Declaring Community Gardening Day 2015.

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis is home to over 279 community gardens in all 13 Wards of the city, providing opportunities to more than 6,500 youth and adult gardeners; and

Whereas, community gardens provide multiple benefits, including cross-cultural and intergenerational community-building and educational opportunities, horticultural therapy, physical exercise, and access to nutritionally rich and culturally appropriate foods; and

Whereas, Minneapolis' community gardens reflect the cultural and ethnic diversity of the city, including gardeners who speak English, Dakota, Ojibwe, Spanish, Hmong, Somali, French, Vietnamese, Ukranian, Arabic, Russian, and Korean; and

Whereas, community gardens beautify our neighborhoods, strengthen block clubs, and enhance community crime prevention efforts; and

Whereas, community gardens and urban farms provide rich opportunities for our adults and young people to learn to grow their own food and become active stewards of environmental health and ecosystems restoration while co-creating local food systems; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis is proud to support community gardening by providing compost via the Public Works Solid Waste and Recycling Department and by providing access to water through the Public Works Water Treatment and Distribution Services Division; and

Whereas, community gardens and urban farms actively involve many Step-Up summer youth interns throughout the City of Minneapolis each year, providing work experience, engaging youth in making a difference in their communities and preparing our next generation of environmentally responsible urban leaders; and

Whereas, community gardens in Minneapolis will host open house celebrations for the public on September 19th, 2015, giving neighbors and gardeners an opportunity to celebrate community gardening;

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

That the City of Minneapolis recognizes the role community gardens play in making our city more livable, attractive, resilient and healthy.

Be it Further Resolved that the City Council hereby declares September 19, 2015, Community Garden Day in the City of Minneapolis.

Passed, September 11, 2015

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Carl, City Clerk