



The City of Minneapolis

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

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

Honoring Sabathani Community Center on its 50th Anniversary

WHEREAS, Sabathani Community Center was founded in 1966 by concerned church members of South Minneapolis, and, for fifty years, has served with a mission to provide people of all ages and cultures with the essential resources needed to improve their lives and create a thriving community; and

WHEREAS, Sabathani Community Center has been a longstanding community pillar providing support for the African American community since its inception in 1966 and still remains a humanistic force after fifty years of service; and

WHEREAS, Sabathani Community Center’s vision is to be a vibrant leader with strong partnerships in a community where people of all ages and cultures are able to live, learn, work and play in a healthy and safe environment; and

WHEREAS, Sabathani Community Center has remained an African American owned building since 1979, and the only remaining African American nonprofit in the Twin Cities that owns its own building, and is currently the longest-running nonprofit in Minnesota founded by Minnesota-born African Americans; and

WHEREAS, Sabathani Community Center’s programs empower the Twin Cities community through basic needs service, health services, youth programs and senior programs, and has for many years been one of the largest food shelves in the Twin Cities; and

WHEREAS, Sabathani Community Center serves tens of thousands of families each year, and as of 2015, served upwards of 30,000 individuals through its programs (8% of the City of Minneapolis’ population);

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Minneapolis does hereby declare the 22nd day of July, 2016, to be Sabathani Community Center Day in the City of Minneapolis, in honor of its fifty years of outstanding contributions to the City of Minneapolis, the State of Minnesota, and the United States of America.

Passed, July 22nd, 2016

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Carl, City Clerk