



# The City of Minneapolis

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## A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

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

### **Recognizing World AIDS Day in Minneapolis**

**Whereas**, the Red Ribbon Ride in conjunction with World AIDS Day works directly to raise awareness and recognize individuals who are living with HIV/AIDS or have passed away from this terrible disease; and

**Whereas**, World AIDS Day is held on 1 December each year and is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV, show support for people living with HIV and to commemorate people who have died; and

**Whereas**, World AIDS Day was the first ever global health day and the first one was held in 1988 by the World Health Organization and is recognized by the HIV/AIDS service organizations of Minneapolis; and

**Whereas**, the Red Ribbon Ride is a 4-day, 300-mile charity bike ride to support 8 Minnesota HIV/AIDS service organizations. The Red Ribbon Ride is in its 13<sup>th</sup> year of traveling across Minnesota; and

**Whereas**, nearly 33.5 million people in the World are currently living with HIV/AIDS. More than 25 million people have died of AIDS worldwide since 1981; and

**Whereas**, according to the CDC, more than 1.1 million people in the United States are living with HIV. Nearly 1 in 6 (15.8%) are unaware of their infection; and

**Whereas**, there are over 7,500 people known to be living with HIV/AIDS in Minnesota. In 2013, there were 301 new cases of HIV reported in Minnesota, which represents a 4% decrease from 2012;

**Now, Therefore, be it Resolved by the City Council of the City of Minneapolis:**

That the City Council declares this 1<sup>st</sup> Day of December, 2014, to be World AIDS Day in the City of Minneapolis and that the 35W Bridge be lit in red on this day.

Passed, November 14, 2014

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Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

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Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

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Casey Carl, City Clerk