



# The City of Minneapolis

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## A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

By Reich, Gordon, Frey, Johnson, Yang, Warsame, Goodman,  
Glidden, Cano, Bender, Quincy, Johnson and Palmisano

### **Recognizing Carol Arthur for her Extraordinary Leadership in Addressing Domestic Violence in the City of Minneapolis**

**Whereas**, in May, 1988, an event of profound significance occurred in the City of Minneapolis when Carol Arthur was appointed Executive Director of the Domestic Abuse Project;

**Whereas**, Carol Arthur has served as the Executive Director of the Domestic Abuse Project for 22 of the 35 years the organization has been in existence;

**Whereas**, Carol Arthur has announced she will be retiring at the end of this year;

**Whereas**, Carol Arthur has been an invaluable partner with the City Attorney's Office and the Minneapolis Police Department in improving the City's response to domestic violence, helping design the "Minneapolis Model," an evidence-based, victim-focused approach to our law enforcement and prosecution efforts;

**Whereas**, with the support and guidance of Carol Arthur, the City Attorney's Office has increased its conviction rate by 50% and has been cited as a successful example to be followed in a study conducted by Watch;

**Whereas**, Carol Arthur has helped develop a collaboration with Asian Women United of Minnesota and Casa de Esperanza to provide culturally appropriate advocacy services, which services are provided to Minneapolis victims with advocates available in City Hall and in the courts;

**Whereas**, under Carol Arthur's leadership, the Domestic Abuse Project has:

- Provided advocacy to over 62,000 victims of domestic assault, helping them understand their options within the justice system, connecting them to community resources and offering a sympathetic ear and emotional support;
- Helped over 10,000 men to eliminate abusive behaviors and build healthy relationships;
- Helped over 4,000 women to heal from the effects of abuse and plan to keep themselves and their children safe;

- Helped over 1,500 youth understand that the violence they have witnessed is not their fault and that abuse is not OK;
- Provided training to over 30,000 professional and community members;
- Implemented and sustained a partnership with Little Earth of United Tribes and with NorthPoint in North Minneapolis through which DAP provides on-site advocacy services at Little Earth and NorthPoint, giving community members direct access to advocacy within their communities;
- Developed CHANGE STEP™, an innovative program to help military service members and veterans eliminate abusive behaviors and build healthy relationships that has been implemented by the US Air Force at all 75 of its bases worldwide;
- Successfully collaborated with all components of the justice system and been recognized by the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges for its work with child witnesses of domestic abuse;
- Published six practice manuals and educated over 30,000 professional and community members on the issue of domestic violence;

**Whereas,** Carol Arthur has always been a ready and willing partner, sharing her knowledge and wisdom with City partners and, without hesitation, signing on to assist us in developing new initiatives and approaches to improve our response to domestic violence;

**Whereas,** Carol Arthur has moved forward the cause of preventing and responding to domestic violence not only in this City, but on a regional, state and national level, all through her strength of leadership, grace under pressure, and concern for victims, for children and for abusers who are willing to embrace change; and

**Whereas,** the City Council wishes to recognize Carol Arthur for her exceptional contributions and career;

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

That the City Council expresses its deep gratitude and appreciation to Carol Arthur for her many years of dedicated service to the Domestic Abuse Project and partnership with the City of Minneapolis and, in particular, the Minneapolis City Attorney's Office and Minneapolis Police Department.

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