



The City of Minneapolis

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

By A. Johnson, Reich, Gordon, Frey, B. Johnson, Yang,
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Honoring Restorative Justice Week in Minneapolis

Whereas, restorative justice is a non-adversarial, non-retributive approach to justice that focuses on healing of victims, accountability and support of offenders, and the involvement of citizens in creating healthier, safer communities; and

Whereas, restorative justice is a proven solution that results in lower recidivism rates among offenders, a lower cost to society for handling cases than the traditional criminal justice path, and ultimately leads to better outcomes across the city; and

Whereas, restorative justice practices offer immense value when used proactively to give young residents the skills to better communicate and resolve problems and conflicts, skills which can be used in relationships, jobs, school, among friends and family, and in many other situations; and

Whereas, restorative practices help build community and especially help young residents feel a part of society and see their importance, connection, and responsibilities to those around them; and

Whereas, there are restorative justice organizations serving all 13 wards of Minneapolis, providing services to hundreds of youth and adults each year; and

Whereas, the Minneapolis Police Department recognizes the importance and value of restorative justice and provides referrals to restorative justice organizations; and

Whereas, there are restorative practices being utilized by schools all across Minneapolis; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis is proud to support restorative justice and restorative practices, and several initiatives are currently underway to better utilize restorative practices so that the benefits can be realized in more cases; and

Whereas, Restorative Justice Week will take place in the Twin Cities Metro area during the week of November 16th - 22nd, 2014, giving residents an opportunity to learn about restorative programming in their communities;

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

That the City of Minneapolis recognizes the role restorative justice and restorative practices play in making our City more livable, resilient and healthy.

Be it Further Resolved that the City Council of the City of Minneapolis declares November 16th - 22nd, 2014, as Restorative Justice Week in the City of Minneapolis.

Passed, November 14, 2014

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Carl, City Clerk