



The City of Minneapolis

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

**By B. Johnson, Reich, Gordon, Frey, Yang, Warsame,
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Honoring the 2015 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest Winners.

Whereas, the Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights was established in 1975 to implement Civil Rights policies through public information, education, mediation, conciliation, and adjudication; and

Whereas, the Commission provides leadership in the areas of civil rights and carries forward the policies of the City through the prevention and elimination of bias and discrimination; and

Whereas, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. believed that liberty, justice, and freedom were the 'inalienable rights' of all men, women, and children, and that all people were equal in the sight of God and deserving of dignity and self-worth; and

Whereas, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a recipient of the Nobel Prize, became a national hero whose birthday has been declared a national holiday by his nation's government; and

Whereas, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. inspired people and nations world-wide to strive in non-violent manners for the human rights, civil liberties, and economic guarantees rightfully due people of all races; and

Whereas, the Minneapolis Commission on Civil rights established the Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest in 2005 as an opportunity to continue and renew this endeavor through education; and

Whereas, all ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade students who reside in Minneapolis were eligible to participate by submitting one essay with their answers to this topic: Jokes or comments are commonly made, both accidentally and intentionally, at the expense of certain groups of people. Some individuals and organized groups actively work to stop hurtful speech. What could you do to stop these stereotypical/hurtful comments?; and

Whereas, the Minneapolis Commission on Civil Rights selected the following prize winners from each grade level:

9th Grade:

1st place: Anna Kelley, Washburn High School
2nd place: Ariya Cotton, Washburn High School
3rd place: Raphael Malewiczl, Washburn High School

11th Grade:

1st place: Destinee Moore, Patrick Henry High School
2nd place: Za Vang, North Academy School of Arts and Communication;

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

That the Minneapolis City Council honors and appreciates all of those students who participated in the 2015 Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. Essay Contest, and gives special recognition to those who won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.

Passed, May 15, 2015

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Carl, City Clerk