



# *The City of Minneapolis*

## A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

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

### **Honoring JoAnn Velde for 27 years of service to the City of Minneapolis.**

**Whereas,** journeyman carpenter JoAnn Velde started with the City of Minneapolis in 1988 as a Housing Inspector I and was quickly promoted to Housing Inspector II in 1989; and

**Whereas,** in 1990, JoAnn worked on the City of Minneapolis' first rental licensing ordinance with city attorneys, industry and legal advocates, which resulted in her promotion to Field Supervisor. JoAnn then led the implementation of the City's new Rental License inspections program; and

**Whereas,** JoAnn was promoted in 1999 to manage the Housing Inspections division and in 2013 was appointed Deputy Director of Housing Inspection Services, leading the division through establishment of a tiered rental licensing program and updating conduct on premises standards; and

**Whereas,** JoAnn has spent 27 years as a role model for staff, serving with dedication, humor, patience and commitment to the communities that the City of Minneapolis serves (including many years as the Mayor's designated and statutorily required Assistant Weed Inspector); and

**Whereas,** JoAnn's professionalism, toughness, tenacity and deep knowledge of the housing code will be sorely missed by her staff, colleagues and policymakers (though not by a small group of the city's rental property owners); and

**Whereas,** JoAnn's retirement will surely take out of service the only great-grandmother with an comprehensive knowledge of the International Housing Maintenance Code; and

**Whereas**, in retirement, JoAnn looks forward to a robust schedule of golf, biking, gardening, fishing, travel and time with family and friends;

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

That the City of Minneapolis City Council does hereby present this Honorary Resolution in recognition of their sincere gratitude and appreciation for the many contributions and devoted service made by JoAnn Velde for the past 27 years of service to the City of Minneapolis.

Be It Further Resolved that JoAnn's hard work and dedication have improved the lives of many citizens of Minneapolis. We wish JoAnn all the best.

Passed, July 24, 2015

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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