

2015R- 342
RESOLUTION
of the
CITY OF
MINNEAPOLIS

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

Declaring August 7, 2015, "Gittelson Jewelers Day".

Whereas, Eugene Gittelson was born and raised in North Minneapolis, attended Willard Elementary, Lincoln Junior High and graduated from North High; and

Whereas, Mr. Gittelson received a sales education from his father. Starting at age 11 Gene accompanied his father during summer vacations, traveling all across Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, and the Dakotas selling various products and learning the art of sales; and

Whereas, Mr. Gittelson began his career at the Dayton's jewelry department in downtown Minneapolis; and

Whereas, Mr. Gittelson managed National Jewelers in the Powers Department Store from 1968 to 1985; and

Whereas, Mr. Gittelson made the decision to strike out on his own and opened Gittelson Jewelers in their skyway location on August 7, 1985; and

Whereas, Gittelson Jewelers has truly been a family business which included his wife, Sally, in the early years and later his sons, Richard and Michael, who have both played an active role in the business; and

Whereas, Gittelson Jewelers has a practice of giving back to the community by donating time and product to help charitable organizations as well as individuals in need; and

Whereas, Gittelson Jewelers has made a name for itself and developed the reputation of delivering exceptional customer service which has led to relationships with celebrities and a loyal following, as evidenced by a client list that includes multiple generations of customers within the same family; and

Whereas, on any given day you will observe people stopping in to socialize and many others that make a point of waving as they walk past their store, exemplifying the lasting relationships and quality connections they have established with others in the community; and

Whereas, thirty years ago today, Gittelson Jewelers opened for business in downtown Minneapolis;

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

That the Mayor and City Council hereby declare Friday, August 7, 2015, as "Gittelson Jewelers Day" in the City of Minneapolis, recognizing the important role small businesses play in our communities: building relationships, developing connections, and making our city a friendlier and more vibrant place to live, work and play.

Certified as an official action of the City Council: *gh*

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE (X INDICATES VOTE)													
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	VOTE TO OVERRIDE	VOTE TO SUSTAIN	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	VOTE TO OVERRIDE	VOTE TO SUSTAIN
Reich	X						Glidden	X					
Gordon	X						Cano	X					
Frey	X						Bender	X					
B Johnson	X						Quincy				X		
Yang	X						A Johnson	X					
Warsame	X						Palmisano	X					
Goodman	X												

ADOPTED AUG 07 2015
DATE

ATTEST *[Signature]*
CITY CLERK

APPROVED NOT APPROVED VETOED

[Signature] AUG 13 2015
MAYOR HODGES DATE