



The City of Minneapolis

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

Recognizing National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day

Whereas, Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc. (IRIS) works with thousands of people all over Minnesota and across the United States who have experienced the death of a child during pregnancy through early childhood; and

Whereas, Many of these parents live in, deliver in, have a child die in, or a bury a child in Hennepin County; and

Whereas, Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc. supports parents whose children have died from miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, molar pregnancy, stillbirth, neo-natal death, sudden unexplained death of a child (SUDC), sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), birth defects, illness, accidents, and all other types of early childhood death; and

Whereas, Bereaved parents remember these children annually with a 7pm candle lighting on October 15. Some will remember their child/children in their homes while others will remember them in small gatherings around the state and across the nation; and

Whereas, Lighting of the 35W Bridge would unify these parents in tribute to their children; and

Whereas, In 1988, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed October as National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness month; and

Whereas, In honor of the thousands of children that die each year in Minnesota, Infants Remembered In Silence respectfully requests that the 35W Bridge be light in baby pink and baby blue;

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

That the City Council declares the 15th Day of October, 2015, to be National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day in the City of Minneapolis and that the 35W Bridge be lit in light pink and light blue on this day.