



# The City of Minneapolis

## A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

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:**

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.

Passed this the 7th Day of August, 2015

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Barbara A. Johnson, President of the Council

APPROVED:

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Betsy Hodges, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Casey Carl, City Clerk