



The City of Minneapolis

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

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

Honoring Restorative Justice Week in Minneapolis

WHEREAS, the City of Minneapolis applies restorative justice as an alternative to the traditional court system, emphasizing reconciliation and citizen engagement over punishment in response to criminal behavior; and

WHEREAS, restorative justice holds offenders accountable for their actions, allowing opportunities for making amends to victims, and connecting to their communities in a positive way; and

WHEREAS, restorative justice increases community capacity to recognize and respond to crime through participation in the justice process; and

WHEREAS, Restorative Justice Community action will host events throughout the week, including a restorative justice training held for community members in North Minneapolis on Thursday, November 17th; and

WHEREAS, the City of Minneapolis supports innovative expansion of restorative justice practices through continued collaboration with community organizations, police departments, and courts for both juveniles and adults as well city run diversion programs such as Interact; and

WHEREAS, Restorative Justice Week provides an opportunity to educate around, and celebrate, the work of restorative justice throughout the city;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City of Minneapolis values the efforts of restorative justice practices to increase equitable participation and engagement in creating safer communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that The Minneapolis City Council does hereby proclaim November 13 - November 19, 2016, to be Restorative Justice Week in the City of Minneapolis.

Passed this 4th day of November, 2016

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Carl, City Clerk