

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the City of Minneapolis is home to more than one hundred community gardens spread across all of its thirteen Wards; and

WHEREAS, community gardens add beauty to urban neighborhoods and provide much-needed green space in high density areas; and

WHEREAS, Minneapolis's community gardens reflect the cultural and ethnic diversity of the city, drawing gardeners who speak English, Spanish, Somali, Korean, and Hmong and a host of other languages; and

WHEREAS, community gardens empower residents to become more active in their communities, providing cross-cultural and inter-generational opportunities for the people of Minneapolis to come together; and

WHEREAS, community gardens provide green space to hold rainwater, helping to keep our rivers, lakes, and groundwater clean; and

WHEREAS, community gardens provide access to nutritionally rich and culturally specific foods that may otherwise be unavailable to inner-city residents; and

WHEREAS, community gardens enhance crime prevention efforts and improve property values; and

WHEREAS, the Parade of Community Gardens takes place in the Twin Cities Metro on August 19, 2006, giving residents an opportunity to learn about community gardening and visit gardens across the Twin Cities; and

WHEREAS, City of Minneapolis commends the 2,000 residents who participate in community gardens for their valuable contributions to our city; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, R.T. RYBAK, Mayor of the City of Minneapolis, do hereby proclaim August 19, 2006 as:

**“COMMUNITY GARDENING DAY” IN
THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS.**



Mayor of Minneapolis

