

Resolution of the City of Minneapolis

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Honoring Community Gardeners and Declaring August 19, 2006 Community Gardening Day.

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis hosts more than a hundred community gardens in all 13 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

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

*Whereas, community gardens filter 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

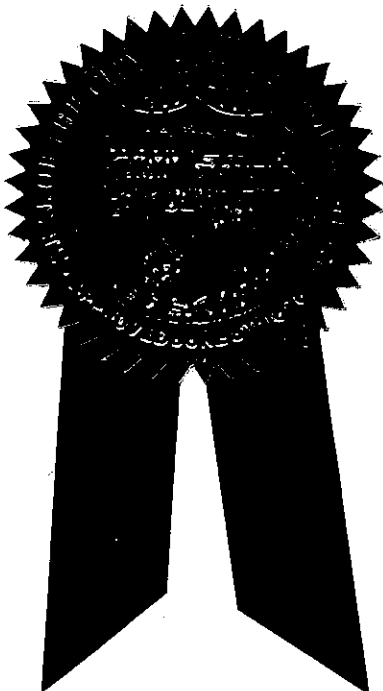
Whereas, community gardens enhance crime prevention efforts and improve property values; and

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 in their area;

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

That we commend the 1700 residents who participate in community gardens for their valuable contributions to our city.

Be It Further Resolved that we declare August 19, 2006 as Community Gardening Day in the City of Minneapolis.



Passed August 18, 2006

Barbara Johnson
Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved: [Signature]
R.T. Rybak, Mayor

Attest:

Merry Keefe
Merry Keefe, City Clerk