

RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

By Lilligren, Ostrow, Gordon, Hofstede, Johnson, Samuels, Goodman, Glidden,  
Schiff, Remington, Benson, Colvin Roy and Hodges

Declaring August 18, 2007, as Community Gardening Day in the City of  
Minneapolis

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, community gardens build community by crossing cultural and socio-  
economic divides by providing a common space for neighbors to meet and work together;  
and

Whereas, Minneapolis' community gardens reflect the cultural and ethnic diversity of  
the city, including gardeners who speak English, Spanish, Hmong, Somali, and Korean; and

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

Whereas, community gardens reduce the urban heat island effect and 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 provide horticultural therapy and exercise, helping to  
draw people out of their homes and get active; and

Whereas, community gardens educate neighbors about land stewardship, providing  
an informal classroom for children and adults to learn skills caring for the natural  
environment; 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 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007, giving residents an opportunity to learn about community gardening and  
visit gardens in their area;

Now, Therefore, be it Resolved that we commend the thousands of Minneapolis  
residents who participate in community gardens for their valuable contributions to our city.

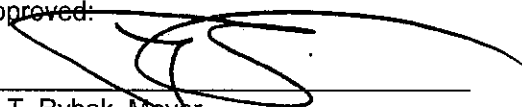
Be It Further Resolved that we declare August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 as Community Gardening  
Day in the City of Minneapolis.

Passed August 17, 2007



Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

  
R.T. Rybak, Mayor

Attest:

  
Merry Keefe, City Clerk