



RESOLUTION

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS - A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

By: Vetaw, Payne, Wonsley, Rainville, Warren, Osman, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury, and Palmisano

RECOGNIZING JUNE 2, 2026, AS NATIONAL MISSISSIPPI RIVER DAY IN THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

- Whereas: The Mississippi River is one of our nation's most iconic and vital waterways, spanning approximately 2,350 miles from Minnesota to Louisiana and uniting ten mainstem states and 32 tributary states in its watershed; and
- Whereas: The Mississippi River has been deeply woven into the lives of Indigenous peoples for thousands of years, sustaining communities through nourishment, travel, and trade while also holding profound cultural, spiritual, and ancestral significance; and
- Whereas: The Mississippi River serves as a critical source of drinking water for over 20 million Americans, a vital habitat for diverse fish and wildlife, and a powerful economic engine supporting commerce, agriculture, tourism, and recreation; and
- Whereas: The River is the heart of a migratory flyway for 60% of North America's bird species, provides habitat for at least 260 fish species, and sustains numerous amphibians, reptiles, and mammals, making it one of the world's most important ecological corridors; and
- Whereas: The health of the Mississippi River is under threat from pollution, habitat loss, climate change, and other environmental stressors, which impact the communities, economies, and ecosystems that depend on it; and
- Whereas: Protecting and restoring the Mississippi River requires collaboration across states, agencies, organizations, individuals, and communities to implement sustainable and regenerative conservation practices, restore wetlands and floodplains, and reduce agricultural and urban runoff to improve water quality; and
- Whereas: The Mississippi River connects millions of people, reflecting our shared history, culture, and responsibility to ensure its vitality for future generations; and
- Whereas: One Mississippi and its network of 78 organizations and 20,000 River Citizens invite everyone to take action—whether through conservation efforts, advocacy, or simply enjoying the River and building community—especially during the One Mississippi's River Days of Action (June 1-15), when people across the region come together to restore, celebrate, and advocate for a healthier River;

—NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED—

That the Mayor and City Council do hereby recognize June 2nd as National Mississippi River Day and urge all people to celebrate, protect, and restore the Mississippi River and its watershed by participating in events, signing up as One Mississippi River Citizens, and taking action to safeguard this invaluable resource for generations to come.

Passed this the Twenty-First Day of May, 2026

Elliott Payne, President of the Council

Approved:

Jacob Frey, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk