



The City of Minneapolis

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

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

March of Dimes Prematurity Awareness Day

Whereas, premature birth is the most serious infant health problem in the United States today. It affects more than half a million babies nationwide each year, one in 10 in Minnesota; and

Whereas, the March of Dimes is the leading nonprofit organization for pregnancy and baby health; and

Whereas, the March of dimes is committed to reversing this trend by funding research to find the causes of premature birth and developing strategies to prevent it; and

Whereas, with chapters nationwide, the March of Dimes works to improve the health of babies by preventing birth defects, premature birth, and infant mortality; and

Whereas, the March of Dimes Signature Chefs Auction will be held Thursday, November 17, 2016, at the Minneapolis Event Center. It will feature 12 local chefs paired with a local brewery, winery, or distillery, providing tastes of their signature dishes and beverages. The event will feature a live auction and program raising awareness and funds to further the research of March of Dimes; and

Whereas, the March of Dimes currently has over \$500,000 in research grants at the University of Minnesota;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the 17th Day of November, 2016, be declared March of Dimes Prematurity Awareness Day in the City of Minneapolis, and that the 35W Bridge be lit purple on this day.

Passed, September 23, 2016

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Carl, City Clerk