

**RESOLUTION  
of the  
CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS**

**By Johnson, Reich, Gordon, Hofstede, Samuels, Lilligren, Goodman, Glidden,  
Schiff, Tuthill, Quincy, and Hodges**

**Honoring Council Member Sandy Colvin Roy for her years of service to the City  
of Minneapolis.**

Whereas, Sandy Colvin Roy believed that free access to information is a cornerstone of a well-functioning democracy as well as an avenue to personal improvement, so she spoke out early and often to accomplish the transfer of the cherished Minneapolis Public Library system to the stewardship of Hennepin County, ensuring that Roosevelt Library would re-open and that libraries throughout Minneapolis would have open doors; and

Whereas, Sandy Colvin Roy was an essential part of the team who ushered in the most important modern advancement in metro-area transportation, the first Light Rail Transit line - Hiawatha - against great challenges; and

Whereas, Sandy Colvin Roy, acting as Chair of the Transportation and Public Works Committee, helped the City to provide a quick and capable response to the collapse of the 35W bridge in August of 2007, and contributed significantly to a rebuilding process that included improvements now built as well as creating the possibility of a continuous East River Road parkway in the future; and

Whereas, following the final meeting of the Transportation and Public Works Committee Chaired by Sandy Colvin Roy on December 10, 2013, she was named an Honorary Member of the Department of Public Works in a resolution stating that "Sandy Colvin Roy provided one of the most important things any Public Works department can ask for - an advocate and supporter of basic city services that the residents and visitors of Minneapolis rely on every minute of every day"; and

Whereas, the water quality of the Mississippi River improves as it passes through Minneapolis due to Sandy Colvin Roy's leadership and her direction of prudent and timely investments to meet goals of the Clean Water Act, also protecting taxpayers from lawsuits and mandates that have cost other cities many millions of dollars; and

Whereas, Sandy Colvin Roy drove the policy and infrastructure changes needed to stop the overflow of untreated sewage into the Mississippi River for the first time in the City's history, and through her leadership transformed stormwater management practices in the city, thereby improving water quality in the many lakes and streams and reducing flooding; and

Whereas, Sandy Colvin Roy's concern for the environment and its impact on residents ranged from authoring bans on the use of phosphorous fertilizer to protect the local ecosystem and coal tar as a sealant to protect human health, to forward-thinking investments to adapt city infrastructure for the impacts of climate change, thus reducing the risk of flooding and spreading out the cost of these investments over the long term; and

Whereas, Sandy Colvin Roy led a responsible transition to one-sort recycling that resulted in; no new costs to customers, maintenance of healthy revenues from the sale of recyclables, low residual rates of wasted resources, and a more than doubling of the amount of recyclables collected by the City; and

Whereas, the good working relationships Sandy Colvin Roy built with neighboring city customers of Minneapolis drinking water kept together the partnership of a sustainable system, and through appointments by Governor Dayton to the Metro Area Water Supply Advisory Committee worked for secure, clean and affordable drinking water for the region's future; and

Whereas, reducing greenhouse gas emissions is a critical challenge of our time, Sandy Colvin Roy authored an ordinance to prohibit unnecessary vehicle idling and worked to ensure behavior changes in the use of city fleets and Metropolitan Transit buses, achieving measureable reductions in emissions and fuel use, and led improvements in the energy efficiency of design and operation of municipal buildings, an example being the Platinum LEED certified Hiawatha Public Works Facility; and

Whereas, Sandy Colvin Roy has been a steadfast advocate for airport affected communities, helping to secure the largest home noise-mitigation program in the nation, working to maintain stringent local noise standards and ensuring that Minneapolis residents have a meaningful voice at the table; and

Whereas, Sandy Colvin Roy earned a Lifetime Achievement award from the National Organization to Insure a Noise Controlled Environment, and was honored by Congressman Keith Ellison on the floor of the House of Representatives on October 10, 2013; where he stated that, "Ms. Colvin Roy has been a vocal advocate for the health and well-being of communities" and "spearheaded efforts at the federal level to reduce the impact of aviation noise;" and

Whereas, Sandy Colvin Roy served as a Member of the Board of Directors of the National League of Cities, bringing valuable information and relationships to our City, and as Chair of National League of Cities Energy, Environment and Natural Resources Committee helped to establish the federal Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant which has been used to make energy-saving investments in countless homes and small businesses across the nation; and

Whereas, Sandy Colvin Roy was a constant advocate for meaningful public engagement and often went above and beyond standard expectations to ensure that residents were well-informed and were heard;

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

That the Mayor and City Council of Minneapolis do hereby present this Honorary Resolution in recognition of its sincere gratitude and appreciation for the many contributions made by Council Member Sandy Colvin Roy during her sixteen years of thoughtful and visionary leadership for the City of Minneapolis and outstanding service to the residents of the Twelfth Ward, together with their best wishes in all future endeavors.