



# The City of Minneapolis

## A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

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### **Honoring the service to the City of Minneapolis by Thomas Streitz.**

*Whereas*, Thomas “Tom” Streitz has a deep passion for social justice, fair housing and equity for all, and has often, with great tenacity, pursued issues and causes that help make the lives of many citizens of the great City of Minneapolis more affordable, safer and better; and

*Whereas*, Tom has served on many boards and commissions for the betterment of the community including: The Family Housing Fund, The Twin Cities Community Land Bank, Minnesota Center for Book Arts; and

*Whereas*, Tom served as the Deputy Executive Director of the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority from 2001 until 2008, and made many significant contributions to the success of that body including the dispersion of public housing units throughout the metro area; and

*Whereas*, Tom served since 2008 as the City’s Director of Housing and Policy Development; and

*Whereas*, under Tom’s leadership, the City’s Residential Finance Division stabilized, recapitalized or completed 105 separate housing projects totaling 6,218 units with 4,330 of those units having rent restrictions to make them affordable to households at or below 60% of area median income and of that total 1,175 are available to very low income households that make less than 30% area median income; and

*Whereas*, many of the projects completed have significant development objectives such as Pillsbury A-Mill, Longfellow Station, Riverside Plaza, others such as Touchtone, Claire Mid-town, Emmanuel Housing and Riverview Apartments serves special populations from individuals suffering from mental illness and HIV/AIDS under to veterans and senior citizens; and

*Whereas*, under Tom’s leadership, the City of Minneapolis efficiently and effectively navigated the great recession of 2008 and managed \$35 million of Federal Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) and developed a delivery system which became a model in efficiency and effectiveness in utilizing these funds; and

*Whereas*, under Tom’s leadership the city’s response to the tornado of 2011 achieved phenomenal progress towards restoring the community; and

*Whereas*, under Tom’s leadership, the city created many innovative programs and policies to further the housing needs of the city, these programs include: Green Homes North, Minneapolis Advantage Program, Senior Housing Initiative, an intermediary land banking entity, the Twin Cities Community Land Bank, strategizing the use of HUD’s corridors of Opportunity initiative; and

*Whereas*, under Tom's leadership, partnerships were fostered or enhanced, including support to the Greater Metropolitan Housing Corporation's Bridge to Success Program, City of Lakes Community Land Trust's Homebuyer Initiated Program, Metro Paint-A-Thon, Hennepin County Taxpayer Services Memorandum of Understanding where the City of Minneapolis can acquire more tax-forfeited properties for \$1.00;

**Now, Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED** by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis: that we recognize and express sincere gratitude for the many contributions and tireless service of Tom Streitz for his many years of service to the City of Minneapolis.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that we wish Tom all the best in his next great adventure as CEO of Twin Cities Rise.

Passed, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

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Barbara A. Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

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Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

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Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk