



# The City of Minneapolis

## A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

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### Declaring July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014 as World Hepatitis Day in Minneapolis

- WHEREAS: World Hepatitis Day is an annual event on the 28<sup>th</sup> of July that provides international focus for people living with viral Hepatitis and is an opportunity to raise awareness, increase disease prevention efforts, and promote access to testing and treatment; and
- WHEREAS: The aim of World Hepatitis Day is to continue to raise awareness of chronic Hepatitis B and to drive policy change for improvements in health outcomes for patients; and
- WHEREAS: Viral Hepatitis B is a potentially fatal liver infection that can slowly destroy the liver over many years, increasing the risk of serious diseases like cirrhosis (liver scarring), liver failure, and liver cancer; and
- WHEREAS: Around the world, in the United States, and in Minnesota, Asian and Pacific Islanders are disproportionately impacted by hepatitis B, with 1 in 12 testing positive and most not aware that they are infected;
- WHEREAS: Hepatitis B can be diagnosed with a simple blood test, and asking your healthcare provider for a test is the first step towards preventing and treating hepatitis B;

#### **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL:**

That the City Council does hereby declare July 28, 2014 World Hepatitis Day in Minneapolis and encourages our Asian American and Pacific Islander residents to talk to their healthcare providers on how to protect themselves and their families from hepatitis B.

**Be it further noted that Hepatitis B screening and treatment is available at the Hennepin County Public Health Clinic by appointment at 612-596-1093.**

Passed by the City Council this the  
Seventh Day of February A.D. 2014

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Barbara A. Johnson, *President of Council*

APPROVED:

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Betsy Hodges, *Mayor*

ATTEST:

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Casey Joe Carl, *City Clerk*