



The City of Minneapolis

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

By Goodman, Gordon, Reich, Frey, Johnson, Yang, Warsame,
Glidden, Cano, Bender, Quincy, Johnson, Palmisano,

Honoring Tom Sengupta

- WHEREAS: Tom Sengupta purchased the Schneider Drug Store on University Avenue SE in the Prospect Park neighborhood in 1972; and
- WHEREAS: Tom stocked the store with hard-to-find items, nestled on the shelves along with cold remedies and toys, and passed out pennies for gum balls to neighborhood children; and
- WHEREAS: Tom dedicates himself to the improvement of people's lives, filling customers' prescriptions safely and economically, double-checking drug interactions, and striving to meet the financial needs of his customers; and
- WHEREAS: Not only does Tom conduct his core business with ethics and care, he is a valued member of the Prospect Park community, supporting neighborhood organizations and events by his presence and financially, including Pratt Community School, the Prospect Park East River Road Improvement Association (PPERRIA) and the annual Pratt Ice Cream Social; and
- WHEREAS: Tom's Drug Store has been famous for the signs and quotes displayed inside and outside, including one of Tom's favorite quotes from the late Senator Paul Wellstone, "politics is about the improvement of people's lives"; and
- WHEREAS: Tom lives this quote, having hosted over two decades of organized political and social discussions and debates, always conducted with reason and civility, no matter how passionately held or expressed the differences of opinion may be; and
- WHEREAS: Tom is hanging up his Pharmacist jacket to pursue his 20-plus year dream of making a monument to the common man; and
- WHEREAS: A model of the monument, made of wood and about the size of a card table, was unveiled formally in October, 2014, and finding a site and funding are among Tom's new goals; and
- WHEREAS: Legendary philosopher-pharmacist Tom Sengupta will be sorely missed behind the counter of his Schneider Drug store, but will continue to be active in our community and work to complete the monument to the common man,

Now, therefore, be it **RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the CITY of MINNEAPOLIS:

That in recognition of his outstanding contributions to the Prospect Park Community and the quality of life in the City of Minneapolis, January 16th, 2015, is hereby declared to be **TOM SENGUPTA DAY** in the City of Minneapolis.

Passed by the City Council this the
Sixteenth Day of January, 2014

Barbara A. Johnson, *President of Council*

APPROVED:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

ATTEST:

Casey Joe Carl, *City Clerk*