



The City of Minneapolis

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

**By B. Johnson, Reich, Gordon, Frey, Yang, Warsame,
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Recognizing the 2015 National Senior Games.

Whereas, in 1985 in St. Louis, Missouri, a group of seven men and women formed the original leadership for what was initially known as the National Senior Olympics Organization (NSOO). The vision was to promote healthy lifestyles for adults through education, fitness, and sport; and

Whereas, in the fall of 1985 the NSOO hosted a meeting of individuals who were currently conducting games for seniors in their 33 states. That group planned the first National Senior Olympic Games, held in 1987 in St. Louis. The games were a great success, with 2, 500 competitors. The NSOO was formalized during the games, with a Board of Directors elected, articles of incorporation filed in the state of Missouri, and by-laws adopted. Over 100,000 spectators viewed the first Games ceremony featuring Bob Hope, at the St. Louis Riverfront Arch; and

Whereas, the second National Games also took place in St. Louis in 1989, hosting 3,500 seniors. The games were covered by the New York Times, ESPN, and Good Morning America; and

Whereas, in 1990 an agreement was reached with the United States Olympic Committee based on their objection to the use of the term “Olympic” in the organization’s corporate name. The name was changed to the U.S. National Senior Sports Organization, and the organization began working under the name National Senior Games Association (NSGA). The organization continued to name its signature event the National Senior Games – The Senior Olympics and, through a grandfather clause, states that were using the name Senior Olympics at the time of the USOC agreement were allowed to continue using that name; and

Whereas, the NSGA exists today as a non-profit organization dedicated to motivating active adults to lead a healthy lifestyle through the senior games movement; and

Whereas, the National Senior Games is a championship event for athletes 50 years-of-age and older, from all over the United States; and

Whereas, the 2015 National Senior Games will be held July 3-16, 2015, in Bloomington, Minneapolis, and St. Paul. Over 10,000 athletes will compete for a gold medal in each of the three cities;
Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the City Council declares the 10th Day of July 2015 to be National Senior Games Day in the City of Minneapolis, and that the 35W Bridge be lit in red, white, and blue on this day.

Passed, June 19, 2015

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Carl, City Clerk