



The City of Minneapolis

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

**By Warsame, Reich, Gordon, Frey, B. Johnson, Yang,
Goodman, Glidden, Cano, Bender, Quincy, A. Johnson, and Palmisano**

Honoring Milwaukee Avenue Historic District

Whereas, Milwaukee Avenue is a historic district located in the Seward neighborhood in the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and

Whereas, the district comprises two city blocks of small homes on quarter-sized lots built between 1884 and 1890 by William Ragan, a Minneapolis real estate speculator; and

Whereas, 22nd 1/2 Avenue, later known as Milwaukee Avenue, is one of the earliest examples of a planned workers' community in Minneapolis, which attracted workers of Scandinavian and East European descent who worked for the nearby Milwaukee Railroad shops and yards, as well as other industries; and

Whereas, Milwaukee Avenue is a rare concentration of worker's residences of similar style that represent a "common man's architecture," which proliferated from copybook plans made popular in the late 19th century, and not that of the rich and famous; and

Whereas, by the end of World War II the houses had deteriorated in condition by the end, and by the 1970s were planned for demolition; and

Whereas, a group of residents and concerned citizens fought to save the houses, eventually leading to their inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places and the federal protection and rehabilitation that comes with the designation; and

Whereas, in 1974 the Seward West Project Area Committee submitted an application to the National Register of Historic Places for the Milwaukee Avenue district and was approved on May 2, 1974 by Secretary of the Interior Rogers CB Morton; and in July 25, 1975, received its local historic designation,
Whereas, the homes on Milwaukee Avenue evoke the current paradigm of "New Urbanism," with its emphasis on medium-density housing, inviting porches and proximity to various urban resources; and

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

That the City of Minneapolis City Council does hereby present this Honorary Resolution in recognition of the contribution that the Milwaukee Avenue Historic District represents to the cultural and architectural landscape of the City of Minneapolis.

Passed, this 6th Day of November, 2015

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Carl, City Clerk