



The City of Minneapolis

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

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

Celebrating National Pinky Swear Day.

Whereas, in December of 2002, 9-year-old Mitch Chepokas gave away his life savings of \$6,000 to all the children being treated for cancer with him at the University of Minnesota Children’s Hospital; and

Whereas, after the \$6,000 was given away, Mitch made his dad Steve promise with a “pinky swear” that after Mitch was gone, Steve would continue to help children and their families; and

Whereas, it is this promise that has shaped the mission of the Pinky Swear Foundation: To help children with cancer, and their families, with non-medical financial assistance; and

Whereas, Pinky Swear Foundation supports the families of kids with cancer with basic needs support, such as mortgage payments, utility bills, groceries, and more; and

Whereas, since 2003, nearly \$11 million has been raised to help families in over 22 states; and

Whereas, the 11th day of December is earmarked as the day that Steve and Mitch’s pinky swear took place;

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

That the 11th Day of December, 2015 be declared Pinky Swear Day in the City of Minneapolis, and that the 35W Bridge be lit in orange on this day.

Passed, this 6th Day of November, 2015

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Carl, City Clerk