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**RESOLUTION**  
**of the**  
**CITY OF**  
**MINNEAPOLIS**

**By Goodman, Gordon, Reich, Frey, Johnson, Yang, Warsame,  
Glidden, Cano, Bender, Quincy, Johnson, and 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 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 16, 2015, is hereby declared to be TOM SENGUPTA DAY in the City of Minneapolis.

Certified as an official action of the City Council: *ky*

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE (X INDICATES VOTE)													
COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	VOTE TO OVERRIDE	VOTE TO SUSTAIN	COUNCIL MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT	VOTE TO OVERRIDE	VOTE TO SUSTAIN
Reich	X						Glidden	X					
Gordon	X						Cano	X					
Frey	X						Bender	X					
B Johnson	X						Quincy	X					
Yang	X						A Johnson	X					
Warsame	X						Palmisano	X					
Goodman	X												

ADOPTED JAN 16 2015

ATTEST *[Signature]*  
CITY CLERK

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*[Signature]* JAN 16 2015  
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