



Resolution No. 2016R-056

City of Minneapolis

File No. 16-00235

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

Honoring Reverend Dr. Noah Spencer Smith.

Whereas, Reverend Dr. Noah Spencer Smith was a longtime African Methodist Episcopal pastor who served congregations at St. James and Wayman AME churches in Minneapolis; and

Whereas, Rev. Smith was the oldest living active minister in the United States at the time of his death; and

Whereas, Rev. Smith joined the ministry late in life after an already full life and career which featured stints as a drummer in a touring band, a commercial painter, a cartoonist, and as a waiter on the Burlington Northern Railroad; and

Whereas, Rev. Smith was called to the ministry at the age of 49 in 1956, and was ordained in 1960; and

Whereas, Rev. Smith was an example of a lifetime commitment to learning and growth, receiving his Associates Degree from Minneapolis Community and Technical College at age 74, his Bachelor's Degree from Macalester College at 78, and his Master of Divinity from the United Theological Seminary at 81; and

Whereas, Rev. Smith's example reminds us that it is never too late for personal, intellectual, and spiritual growth; and

Whereas, Rev. Smith guided the spiritual growth of his parishioners; and

Whereas, Rev. Dr. Noah Spencer Smith has made the City of Minneapolis a better place to live through his passion, love, dedication, and tireless hard work for more than a half a century;

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

That Rev. Dr. Noah Spencer Smith's legacy of service to the residents and communities of Minneapolis be recognized, including especially his lifetime commitment to the spiritual health of his flock in this city.

Committee: N/A Public Hearing: N/A Publication: 2/20/2016

RECORD OF COUNCIL VOTE				
MEMBER	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
REICH	X			
GORDON	X			
FREY	X			
B. JOHNSON	X			
YANG	X			
WARSAME	X			
GOODMAN	X			
GLIDDEN	X			
CANO	X			
BENDER				X
QUINCY	X			
A. JOHNSON	X			
PALMISANO	X			
DATE:	FEB 12 2016			

APPROVED VETOED


MAYOR HODGES
FEB 13 2016
DATE

Certified an official action of the City Council

ATTEST:


CITY CLERK

Presented to the Mayor:	FEB 12 2016	Received from the Mayor:	FEB 16 2016
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