



*The City of Minneapolis*  
A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

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

**Honoring Kirk Washington, Jr.**

**Whereas**, Kirk Washington, Jr. was a poet, artist, author, teacher, farmer, visionary, and activist in Minneapolis; and

**Whereas**, Kirk Washington, Jr. was married to Aster Nebro and the father of two daughters, Azalea and Keah; and

**Whereas**, Kirk Washington, Jr. was a fifth generation Minnesotan, and a long-time resident of North Minneapolis, and whose career was built around speaking the gospel of the Northside; and

**Whereas**, Kirk Washington, Jr. told his story and the stories of the forgotten, the oppressed and the marginalized with verve; and

**Whereas**, Kirk Washington, Jr. left his mark on Minneapolis as a graffiti artist, a spoken word artist and as a story teller; and

**Whereas**, Kirk Washington, Jr. was one of twelve poets to contribute to the poem “One Minneapolis: A City in Verse” and performed at the Inauguration of Mayor Betsy Hodges, representing the 5<sup>th</sup> Ward and its residents; and

**Whereas**, Kirk Washington, Jr. was a Creative City-making Artist from Intermedia Arts, working with Otto Doll and the IT Department to improve Digital access for communities of color and low-income communities in Minneapolis ; and

Now, Therefore, **Be It Resolved By The City Council of The City of Minneapolis** that Kirk Washington’s legacy of service to the residents and communities of Minneapolis be recognized, including especially his commitment to the arts and the residents of the Northside.

Passed, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016

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Barbara A. Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

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Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

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Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk