



# 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**

### **Honoring George Garnett for His Contributions to the State of Minnesota and the City of Minneapolis**

**Whereas**, George Garnett was a passionate advocate for civil rights and social action, economic empowerment, education and alleviating poverty; and

**Whereas**, George Garnett had nearly unparalleled knowledge and experience in the community development field in Minnesota; and

**Whereas**, George Garnett was instrumental in establishing community development organizations throughout Minneapolis; and

**Whereas**, George Garnett dedicated his career and life to helping low-income individuals gain the skills and support they need to become contributing citizens in their communities; working to extend employment opportunities to disadvantaged people of color and women in the construction and healthcare workforces; and

**Whereas**, George Garnett help create and launch an innovative one-of-a-kind contextualized GED training program to assist the tens of thousands of adults in the Twin Cities that do not have a high school degree; and

**Whereas**, George Garnett worked tirelessly and passionately with legislators, philanthropists and the local community leaders to design and provide solutions and pathways to economic and social justice and sustainability; and

**Whereas**, George Garnett served the state and the Twin Cities on many board appointments, helping to develop and stabilize hundreds of units of affordable housing, and expanding homeownership opportunities for the African American community and operating community-based housing programs; and

**Whereas**, George Garnett was a gracious mentor to many, with tremendous vision, heart and ability to draw the best out of everyone around him; and

**Whereas**, George Garnett was a brilliant strategist and a tireless worker who engaged the highest hopes of others and brought many dreams of a better life to reality;

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

That the City Council declares the 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of May 2016 to be **George Garnett Day** in the City of Minneapolis.

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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 Carl, City Clerk