



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

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## HONORING GOVERNOR WENDELL ANDERSON

- Whereas:** Governor Anderson served in the Minnesota House of Representatives from 1959-1962, then served in the Minnesota State Senate from 1963-1970; and
- Whereas:** Governor Anderson served as the 33rd Governor of the State of Minnesota from January 4, 1971 until December 29, 1976; and
- Whereas:** Governor Anderson was only 37 years old when elected governor, an East St. Paul native and former U.S. Olympic hockey player who brought home a silver medal from the 1956 Winter Olympics; and
- Whereas:** Governor Anderson was the chief architect of the “Minnesota Miracle of 1971”, an innovative reform in the financing of Minnesota public schools and local governments that allowed for both reductions in property taxes and the narrowing of disparities in the quality of education and local government services between rich and poor jurisdictions; and
- Whereas:** This miracle was achieved through bipartisan consensus, a model of the Minnesota ideals of good government and sound policy; and
- Whereas:** For his efforts, Governor Anderson received national acclaim culminating with a feature in the iconic 1973 Time magazine titled “The Good Life in Minnesota”; and
- Whereas:** Governor Anderson enacted many of the foundational pieces of legislation we value to this day including strong environmental regulatory frameworks; a state minimum wage; state enforcement of federal workers’ safety standards; open-meeting laws; one of the first significant efforts towards affordable housing, and an enhancement of the Metropolitan Council’s planning authority.

### Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved:

That the Mayor & City Council hereby honor Governor Wendell Anderson’s legacy of transformational policy and public service for the people of Minneapolis and Minnesota and that he be recognized for dramatically improving the quality of our state.

Passed this the Twenty-second day of July, 2016 A.D.

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BARBARA A. JOHNSON, *President of Council*

APPROVED:

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BETSY HODGES, *Mayor*

ATTEST:

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CASEY JOE CARL, *City Clerk*