



The City of Minneapolis

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

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

Honoring Tom Neiman for 43 years of service to the Southwest Community Education Program

Whereas, Tom started the Southwest Community Education Program in 1974, as a way to provide the community with opportunities to do things they've never done before, and is a legend of the Southwest Minneapolis community; and

Whereas, Tom served as a Coordinator of the Southwest Community Education program, which provides our community a wide range of activities from open swimming to computer lessons, from canoe and ski trips to senior citizen activities, and from language instruction to dancing and cooking classes; and

Whereas, Tom created the Southwest Super Summer Program in 1985 for youth, a program that brought in nearly 3,000 total children this summer, providing parents with a safe and fun place to bring their young children, a place for youth to have their first internship, and a place of employment for high school and college students; and

Whereas, Tom has helped build a stronger community including organizing an annual spring community cleanup along Minnehaha Creek and Lake Harriet, the annual spring Community Sock Hop and the Southwest Community Halloween Party, which raises food items for a local food shelf; and

Whereas, Tom authored the famous ice cream song, sung every Thursday by students enrolled in the Southwest Community Education Super Summer Program; and

Whereas, Tom is warmly recognized by community members all over the country for his dedication to learning, exploring and connecting as a community; and

Whereas, Tom led a group hiking this year on his 19th biennial Glacial National Park trip and organized the program's 38th annual midnight to dawn bike ride; and

Whereas, under Tom's active leadership, the Southwest Community Education program has earned the respect of the community and introduced countless families to southwest Minneapolis; and

Whereas, Tom is recognized as a leader and innovator that has helped to educate and encourage two generations of families in the community during over four decades of leadership with the Southwest Community Education program.

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

That we commend Tom Neiman for decades of outstanding service with Southwest Community Education and his commitment to residents of Southwest Minneapolis and for his tireless work on behalf of the well-being and education of families, youth, neighborhoods, and communities.

Be It Further Resolved that we wish Tom much happiness in retirement, and the Council and the Mayor extend their sincere hope for many more years of continued engagement in our city and quality time with friends and family.

Passed, September 23, 2016

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Carl, City Clerk