



The City of Minneapolis

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

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QUINCY, AND PALMISANO

Coldwater Springs Protection and Preservation Day

Whereas, Coldwater Springs is the last major natural spring in Hennepin County and has been flowing for at least 10,000 years, furnishing water to plants, animals, and humans; and

Whereas, “Camp” Coldwater was the first European-American settlement in the Minnesota Territory due to the spring which furnished water to Fort Snelling from 1820 to 1920; and

Whereas, Coldwater Springs is a Dakota Tribal Sacred Site as part of the Bdote (origin landscape of the Dakota Oyate) and the ethnographic study commissioned by the National Park Service (GSA RFQ NO. 71599, June 2006) recommended Coldwater as a Traditional Cultural Property; and

Whereas, The American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978 protects and preserves religious rights and cultural practices including access to sacred sites, freedom to worship through ceremonial and traditional rights, and use and possession of objects considered sacred; and

Whereas, The 2001 Minnesota Coldwater protection law (138.665 Subd. 4) mandates that “Neither the state, nor a unit of metropolitan government, nor a political subdivision of the state may take any action that may diminish the flow of water to or from Camp Coldwater Springs. All projects must be reviewed under the Minnesota Historic Sites Act and the Minnesota Field Archaeology Act with regard to the flow of water to or from Camp Coldwater Springs”; and

Whereas, The National Trust for Historic Preservation has recognized Coldwater Springs as part of the “National Treasure” that is “Bdote Fort Snelling” and Coldwater is a National Historic Landmark and on the National Register of Historic Places associated with Fort Snelling;

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

That the City of Minneapolis reminds all government agencies to honor both the spirit and the letter of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act of 1978 and the 2001 state law relating to protection and preservation of Coldwater Springs.

Be It Further Resolved that October 10, 2016, is hereby declared to be “Coldwater Springs Protection and Preservation Day” in the City of Minneapolis.

Passed, October 7, 2016

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Carl, City Clerk