



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

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WARSAME, GOODMAN, GLIDDEN, CANO, BENDER, QUINCY, AND PALMISANO

Declaring Reverend John Dietrich Day 2016

Whereas, the First Unitarian Society of Minneapolis (FUS) was formed in 1881 to provide a pulpit where doctrines, radical for their time, such as the theory of evolution, could be preached by Rev. Henry Symmonds, a minister constrained in his previous pulpit from preaching the same message, and

Whereas, FUS' first church was built in the heart of downtown Minneapolis in 1887, at the corner of LaSalle Avenue and 8th St., and

Whereas, effective November 1, 1916, FUS called the Rev. John Dietrich – driven from a previous pulpit for having opinions so contrary to orthodox religious doctrine that he was accused of heresy -- to its pulpit, where he became one of the nation's leading proponents of Humanist thought, and

Whereas, strong attendance at FUS services necessitated moving to downtown theaters in order to accommodate participants, and ultimately to its current home in the Kenwood neighborhood, and

Whereas, for a century, FUS has been a national voice for congregational Humanism, actively participating in interfaith dialogs with other Minneapolis congregations, with members making important contributions to myriad social-justice causes which have strengthened Minneapolis, and

Whereas, FUS stands on the threshold of its second century on the leading edge of congregational Humanist thought, carrying on the work, spirit, and legacy of Rev. John Dietrich,

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

That the City of Minneapolis encourages all residents to reflect on the benefits Minneapolis derives from being a home for those whose thoughts and actions challenge us to be a just and compassionate community.

Be it Further Resolved that the City Council of the City of Minneapolis declares November 1, 2016, Reverend John Dietrich 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