



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

World Twin to Twin Transfusion Syndrome Awareness Day

Whereas, Twin to Twin Transfusion Syndrome (TTTS) is a disease of a monochorionic, or single placenta, shared by two or more identical babies during pregnancy; and

Whereas, TTTS is not genetic, hereditary, or caused by anything a mother does or does not do before or during pregnancy. Nor is it anything that the babies do to each other. It is a random occurrence that happens during the process of the embryo splitting to make identical twins; and

Whereas, during embryo splitting, blood vessels form in the placenta that cause more than normal amounts of blood to be sent to one baby (causing an overloaded cardiovascular system) and less than normal amounts of blood to be sent to the other baby (causing severe anemia). The babies are completely normal and healthy at first, but become affected by the placenta and can pass away at any time during the pregnancy; and

Whereas, TTTS affects babies in approximately 1 out of every 1000 pregnancies and is the number one threat to babies in a twin, triplet or higher order pregnancy, taking the lives of thousands of babies yearly in the United States alone; and

Whereas, December is International Twin to Twin Transfusion Syndrome Awareness Month. Lighting the 35W Bridge in baby blue will bring awareness to this issue. The color was chosen to be a symbol of the calm after the storm, when skies turn blue. The hope is that with awareness and education, babies will survive and flourish like daisies in a field;

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

That December 7, 2016, be recognized as World Twin to Twin Transfusion Syndrome Awareness Day in the City of Minneapolis, and that the 35W Bridge be lit baby blue on this day.

Passed, November 4, 2016

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Carl, City Clerk