

RESOLUTION

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS - A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

By: Vetaw, Payne, Wonsley, Rainville, Warren, Osman, Shafter, Stevenson, Chavez, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury, and Palmisano

HONORING AND RECOGNIZING COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS

- Whereas: Community Health Workers (CHWs) play a vital role in advancing health equity, improving health outcomes, and strengthening connections between residents, health systems, and the communities they serve; and
- Whereas: Community Health Workers are trusted public health professionals who often come from the communities in which they work, building meaningful relationships through shared language, culture, lived experience, and a deep understanding of community needs; and
- Whereas: CHWs provide outreach, health education, advocacy, care coordination, and resource navigation that help individuals and families access preventive care, manage chronic conditions, navigate complex health and social service systems, and connect with the right care at the right time; and
- Whereas: Community Health Workers help address the social and economic conditions that influence health by connecting residents to resources related to housing, food, transportation, employment, education, and other essential needs, helping to create healthier and more resilient communities; and
- Whereas: Minnesota has been a national leader in developing and strengthening the Community Health Worker profession, including developing the nation's first statewide, post-secondary Community Health Worker curriculum and establishing a standardized 16-credit certificate program; and
- Whereas: Minnesota has also been a leader in recognizing the value of Community Health Workers within the healthcare system, establishing Medicaid reimbursement for defined CHW services and continuing to expand pathways into the profession through initiatives such as the Community Health Worker Apprenticeship Program; and
- Whereas: Community Health Workers serve in healthcare settings, schools, nonprofit and community-based organizations, public health agencies, and other settings throughout Minneapolis, providing culturally responsive and person-centered support to residents and families; and
- Whereas: Community Health Workers are particularly important in communities that have historically experienced barriers to healthcare and other essential resources, helping build trust, reduce disparities, and ensure that residents' voices and lived experiences are reflected in the systems that serve them; and
- Whereas: The Minnesota Community Health Worker Alliance has helped strengthen and promote the Community Health Worker workforce through advocacy, professional development, workforce development, and community partnerships, while advancing the integration and sustainability of CHWs across Minnesota; and
- Whereas: The dedication, compassion, knowledge, and service of Community Health Workers contribute to healthier individuals, stronger families, and healthier communities throughout Minneapolis and Minnesota; and
- Whereas: Recognizing Community Health Workers provides an opportunity to celebrate the essential work they do every day and to reaffirm our commitment to health equity, community well-being, and ensuring that every Minneapolis resident has the opportunity to live a healthy and fulfilling life;
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED—**

Passed this the Seventeenth Day of September 2026


Elliott Payne, President of the Council

Approved:


Jacob Frey, Mayor

Attest:


Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk

