



The City of Minneapolis

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

Celebrating the 25th Anniversary
of the Sister-City Friendship between
the City of Tours and the City of Minneapolis

- Whereas:** The CITY of TOURS and the CITY of MINNEAPOLIS have enjoyed a sister-city relationship for 25 years, which was first formed in the Year 1991, a relationship which seeks to enhance global cooperation at the municipal level, promote cultural awareness and understanding, to stimulate economic development, and to support exchanges and cooperation in the areas of business, culture, and tourism as well as in education, sports, urban planning, and technology; and
- Whereas:** An official delegation from the CITY of TOURS will be visiting MINNEAPOLIS from July 16-21, 2016, to participate in the Minneapolis Sister Cities Day, professional study visits, meetings and events celebrating the 25th anniversary of the TOURS-MINNEAPOLIS sister-city friendship, as well as the 2016 Aquatennial CenterPoint Torchlight Parade; and
- Whereas:** The TOURS delegation includes representatives from LA FOIRE DE TOURS, a regional event in TOURS which will feature the UNITED STATES, MINNESOTA, and MINNEAPOLIS in 2017; and
- Whereas:** SISTER CITIES INTERNATIONAL is a nonprofit organization that builds and supports Citizen Diplomacy Networks around the world, promoting Peace through Mutual Respect, Understanding, and Cooperation – one individual, one community at a time – and these laudable goals underscore the relationship and mutual admiration between the cities of TOURS and MINNEAPOLIS; and
- Whereas:** TOURS has contributed greatly to the vitality of MINNEAPOLIS through gifts of artwork, sharing of information, and constant support as a global partner.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved:

That the MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL of the CITY of MINNEAPOLIS hereby convey their best wishes, admiration, and sincere respect to its sister city, the CITY of TOURS, together with a warm welcome to its delegates, in token of which this *Resolution* is presented with esteemed affection and goodwill.

Presented this the 20th Day of July A.D. 2016

BARBARA A. JOHNSON, *President of Council*

APPROVED:

BETSY HODGES, *Mayor*

ATTEST:

CASEY JOE CARL, *City Clerk*