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Celebrating the Sesquicentennial of the City of Minneapolis.

Whereas, the Town of Minneapolis was incorporated in 1858 and the first Council meeting of the town was held on July 20, 1858; and

Whereas, the City Council declared July 18 to July 27, 2008 the official Minneapolis Sesquicentennial Celebration; and

Whereas, the Sesquicentennial coincides with the Minneapolis Aquatennial, the "Official Civic Celebration of Minneapolis;" and

Whereas, we wish to join the State Sesquicentennial and others in celebrating the significance of 1858; and

Whereas, for a century and a half the people of Minneapolis have enjoyed a high quality of life as a community which is enhanced by the cultural blend of our longer term residents and new arrivals; and

Whereas, we wish to thank Minneapolis' former and current City Council Members, Mayors and staff, who have made significant contributions to make our city a great place to call home and a destination for visitors from around the world; and

Whereas, we wish to learn from our past, celebrate our present, and build towards our future as a city; and

Whereas, the City Council and Mayor have developed a path to our future by setting long-range goals to make Minneapolis a safe place to call home, and where all our residents have the same opportunities to thrive; a community that embraces and promotes lifelong learning; works to protect and enhance our environment; builds and protects great spaces, places, and thriving neighborhoods; and that is a world-class destination;

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

That the City Council offers its sincere thanks to the Minneapolis Aquatennial, and to the many community leaders, businesses, nonprofits, parks, libraries, neighborhoods and individuals that have joined in honoring Minneapolis' 150th anniversary.

Be It Further Resolved that Minneapolis City Council dedicates this Great Seal and plaque as a gift to the City of Minneapolis in honor of our Sesquicentennial as a city.