



RESOLUTION

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

By: Goodman, Reich, Gordon, Fletcher, Cunningham, Ellison,
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SIGNING ONTO THE DECLARATION OF FAST-TRACK CITIES ENDING THE AIDS EPIDEMIC

- Whereas: The original declaration of Fast-Track Cities Ending the AIDS epidemic was initially signed by 27 cities from around the world on World AIDS Day 2014 and more than 63 additional cities have signed onto this declaration, including 16 US cities; and
- Whereas: HIV/AIDS remains one of the most serious global challenges with an estimated 76.1 million total infections and over 35 million deaths since the start of the epidemic; and
- Whereas: The HIV/AIDS epidemic affects not only the health of individuals, but impacts family, friends, loved ones and communities; and
- Whereas: HIV affects people of every background, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, age and socioeconomic status but disproportionately impacts marginalized populations and contributes to current health disparities, particularly among men who have sex with men, transgender individuals, people of color, and injection drug users; and
- Whereas: Stigma and discrimination remains a significant barrier in entry to care and treatment and highlights the need for policies that advance health equity; and
- Whereas: Innovations in treatment, community activism, and political commitments have created the necessary tools to end the AIDS epidemic by 2030; and
- Whereas: Over 37 million people worldwide are currently living with HIV/AIDS, including over 1.1 million people in the United States and more people than ever in Minnesota; and
- Whereas: The rate of new infections has remained stagnant in the state over the past decade with roughly 300 new infections per year, adding to the current number of people living with HIV in Minnesota; and
- Whereas: HIV diagnoses are not evenly distributed geographically where urban areas account for the majority of cases and Minneapolis has the highest incidence of HIV in the state of Minnesota; and
- Whereas: In Minneapolis alone, 92 people have been diagnosed with HIV in the past year for a total of 3,134 people living with HIV/AIDS in the city of Minneapolis, accounting for 37% of all people living with HIV in the state; and
- Whereas: The coordination of resources, data and action to address HIV is crucial to ending the epidemic and Minneapolis has long been at the forefront of responding to the AIDS epidemic, and along with other cities is uniquely positioned to lead such efforts; and
- Whereas: The Fast Track Cities goals are 90-90-90: 90% of people living with HIV/AIDS aware of their status; 90% of those diagnosed on antiretroviral therapy; 90% of people on medication achieving viral suppression; along with zero stigma and discrimination;

—NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED—

That the Mayor and City Council do hereby proudly sign onto the Fast Track Cities Declaration to Ending the AIDS Epidemic, knowing that we can stop all new HIV infections and avert AIDS-related deaths and acknowledging that every person in our city must have access to life-saving HIV prevention; treatment; care and support service.

Passed this the Ninth Day of March, 2018

Lisa Bender, President of the Council

Approved:

Jacob Frey, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk