



# RESOLUTION

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

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## HONORING AND RECOGNIZING THE BRILLIANCE AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF URBAN SCHOLARS

- Whereas: Urban Scholars is a leadership and professional development program where students from diverse racial and ethnic backgrounds learn how to navigate today’s workplaces while equipping both students and organizations with the tools, experiences, and guidance necessary to shift organizational culture towards an equitable workforce; and
- Whereas: The City of Minneapolis created Urban Scholars in 2012 to address the employment disparity in our city. Since, approximately 34% of Scholar alum have become employed by the City of Minneapolis, and there have been over 600 Scholars since the program began; and
- Whereas: The City of Minneapolis provides students with distinctive professional experience focused on gaining essential leadership skills and creating career pathways to positions of influence; and
- Whereas: Urban Scholars establishes a pipeline of experienced, diverse professionals for public sector leadership; and
- Whereas: On May 31, 2023, the City of Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board, Minneapolis Public Housing Authority inaugurated the twelfth cohort of Urban Scholars made up of eighty-six culturally competent, collaborative, resilient, and altruistic young talents; and
- Whereas: Abduswabourr Abdulaziz, Abshir Mohamed, Ahmed Abdilahi, Ajanice Knox, Alexander Ngo, Alison Thorson, Angelique Davis, Anita Boupphasaly, Athira Nair, Averi Turner, Carel Tulus, Carl Olson-Skog, Coral Crutchfield, Dara Tourt, Joy Maranga, Kidist Wolde, Lael Ware, Layaned Sanisaca, LeAnna Ung, Linta Altaf, Maabe Yaya, Maria Hernandez-Chaire, Mariann (Liken) Hefte, Michael Randle, Rahma Farah, Rebeka Alemayehu, Ridwan Mohamed, Rumyana Hulmequist, Sakaria Abdullahi, Sharon Izuora, Siyu Samantha Ng, Sofia Haase-Oliva, Suad Mumin, Theresa Grace Mbanefo, Umulker Ugas, Zachery Ahearn, Alana Hutka, Dawit Gebreab, Donald Huynh, Haimanot Tadesse, Inga Capistrant-Kinney, Joshua Olukanni, Nithyashri Venkatasubramanian, Vipasha Bansal, Annessa Ihde, Kaleab Fetene, Asmaa Ismael, Nazish Khan and Shengyeng Vang comprise the twelfth cohort of Urban Scholars and have gracefully accepted new challenges and while contributing intelligent and fresh perspectives on their work; and
- Whereas: The City of Minneapolis recognizes and appreciates each Urban Scholar for making significant and lasting contributions to the City and the region;

**—NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED—**

That the Mayor and City Council do hereby proclaim August 18, 2023, as Urban Scholar Day in the City of Minneapolis, a time to recognize and congratulate Scholars on the many contributions made to the Twin Cities Region and its many communities.

Passed this the Seventeenth Day of August 2023

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Andrea Jenkins, President of the Council

Approved:

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Jacob Frey, Mayor

Attest:

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Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk