



RESOLUTION

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

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RECOGNIZING APRIL 1-7, 2024, AS FOOD WASTE PREVENTION WEEK IN THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

- Whereas: Minneapolis recognizes that food waste is a major issue where nearly 128,000 tons of food waste are generated in Minneapolis each year; and
- Whereas: Wasting food has irreversible environmental consequences as it wastes the water, fuel, and resources used to produce and transport it; and as trash in Minneapolis, ends up being incinerated where more energy is required to burn wet food, or sent to a landfill, where food breaks down into methane, a powerful greenhouse gas; and
- Whereas: Wasting food is also an equity and access issue in our food system, especially when a record high of 7.5 million visits to Minnesota food shelves was recorded in 2023; and
- Whereas: Minneapolis is home to many organizations and individuals working to prevent wasted food at the source through educational programs and campaigns, distributing surplus edible food to communities that need it; and
- Whereas: Using the food we have, through improved kitchen skills, access to surplus food, and better food storage has financial benefits for households and businesses; and
- Whereas: Food scraps can be returned to the soil through composting to grow healthy local food; and
- Whereas: The 2023 Minneapolis Climate Equity Plan has a goal to recycle and compost 80% of citywide waste by 2030; and the 2023 Minneapolis Food Vision has strategies to prevent and divert wasted food; and
- Whereas: The City of Minneapolis is a Food Matters city in partnership with the Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc (NRDC) to support the citywide execution of food waste reduction strategies, which has resulted in the creation of an educational campaign to inform business owners and individuals on strategies and benefits of preventing and diverting food waste;

—NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED—

That the Mayor and City Council do hereby recognize April 1-7, 2024, as Food Waste Prevention Week in the City of Minneapolis.

Passed this the Twenty-first Day of March 2024

Elliott Payne, President of the Council

Approved:

Jacob Frey, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk