

RESOLUTION

By Cunningham

Pursuing a child-friendly city designation in accordance with the five overall goals enshrined in the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Whereas, the Child Friendly Cities Initiative was launched in 1996 to respond to the challenges of realizing the rights of children in an increasingly urbanized and decentralized world; and

Whereas, the Child Friendly Cities Initiative works by bringing together local stakeholders and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) to create, inclusive and child-responsive cities and communities; and

Whereas, the importance of cities in policymaking that directly affects children has increased; and

Whereas, local governments and mayors have a role to play in supporting and advocating for the most vulnerable in their municipalities, including children and young people; and

Whereas, the Child Friendly Cities Initiative has been instrumental in encouraging local governments and other stakeholders to pay greater attention to meeting the rights and needs of their youngest citizens, and ensuring their participation in local decision making; and

Whereas, children have the right to be valued, respected and treated fairly; and

Whereas, children have the right to be heard; and

Whereas, children have the right to social services; and

Whereas, children have the right to be safe; and

Whereas, children have the right to family life, play and leisure; and

Whereas, November 20th marks the 30-year anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child;

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

That the Minneapolis City Council reaffirms Mayor Fraser's support of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and pursue a Child Friendly City designation through UNICEF USA.

Be It Further Resolved that The Minneapolis City Council directs staff to implement necessary steps to become one of the first Child Friendly Cities in the US.