

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The Minnesota Timberwolves (Wolves) are returning to the NBA Playoffs for the first time since 2018 and the second time since 2004; and

WHEREAS, In front of a sellout crowd at Target Center on April 12, the Wolves beat the LA Clippers 109-104 in the NBA Play-In Tournament to clinch a playoff spot; and

WHEREAS, The Wolves players, coaches, fans and the entire City of Minneapolis have weathered and overcome tremendous challenges in recent years; and

WHEREAS, All-Star Center Karl-Anthony Towns (KAT) lost his mother to COVID-19 on April 13, 2020 and the Wolves completed a fourth quarter rally that has become an indelible part of Minneapolis sports lore on the eve of the two-year anniversary of her passing; and

WHEREAS, The Wolves lost beloved coach and basketball icon, Flip Saunders, to cancer in 2015; and

WHEREAS, The Wolves reflect the very strength and resiliency the Minneapolis community has displayed throughout many years of adversity; and

WHEREAS, The Wolves burst onto the national stage in the Target Center when Patrick Beverley and Anthony Edwards leapt onto the scorer's table like past Wolves legend Kevin Garnett; and

WHEREAS, The Wolves fans were granted a moment of unfiltered happiness alongside their young team; and

WHEREAS, The Wolves truly established themselves as BACK; and

WHEREAS, The City of Minneapolis does not give a damn what national commentators believe to be the right response to extraordinary accomplishment amid extraordinary trial; and

WHEREAS, Coach Chris Finch, KAT, Anthony Edwards, D'Angelo Russell, Patrick Beverley, and the entire Wolves roster are the pride of Minneapolis this weekend; and

WHEREAS, The Wolves will face the Memphis Grizzlies in a best of seven-game playoff series beginning on Saturday, April 16; and

WHEREAS, The future of this franchise is bright, and the entire City of Minneapolis will be Raised by Wolves as they take the 2022 playoffs by storm.

NOW, THEREFORE, I JACOB FREY, Mayor of the City of Minneapolis, do hereby proclaim April 16, 2022, as:

WOLVES PLAYOFF DAY IN THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS



Mayor of Minneapolis

