



RESOLUTION

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

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HONORING AND RECOGNIZING BLACK GIRL MAGIC IN THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

- Whereas: In 2013, Cashawn Thompson created the hashtag #BlackGirlsAreMagic to celebrate and uplift the voices of Black women. The hashtag was later shortened to #BlackGirlMagic; and
- Whereas: Seven percent of all Minneapolis residents identify as Black or African American women; and
- Whereas: Intersectional systems of racial- and gender-based oppression disproportionately affect the health, safety, and education of Black women. This has occurred throughout American history and persists today; and
- Whereas: Despite constantly being underserved and criminalized for their hair, clothes, and culture, Black women are strong and push beyond all barriers, even while institutions continue to deprive them due to their continued resilience; and
- Whereas: The challenges Black women encounter demonstrate the ways in which the City of Minneapolis can do more to build a society where everyone feels truly accepted and can succeed; and
- Whereas: It is imperative to acknowledge that Black women are not mythical beings or superhuman; rather, their magic lies within their authenticity, their capacity for love, and their unwavering support for one another; and
- Whereas: Black Girl Magic signifies the celebration of an unstoppable, unrelenting, and radiant joy that endures despite challenges. It represents making room for others while also marking your place; and
- Whereas: Black women have been at the forefront of social justice movements, leading with passion, intellect, and unwavering determination. Their activism and advocacy have been instrumental in driving positive change and creating a more equitable society; and
- Whereas: Black women-owned businesses contribute significantly to the economic growth and vitality of our city. Their entrepreneurial spirit and innovation create job opportunities and foster economic empowerment within the Black community; and
- Whereas: Black Girl Magic represents the celebration of uniqueness, authenticity, and self-love. It reminds us that every Black woman and girl possesses a special magic within them, deserving of admiration, respect, and support; and
- Whereas: Beyoncé is an icon of Black Girl Magic, inspiring millions to be proud divas and claim their power and beauty, and on July 20, 2023, Beyoncé will be performing in Minneapolis for the first time since 2018;

—NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED—

That the Mayor and City Council do hereby celebrate and honor Black Girl Magic and all Black girls and women in our city; and, further, that the City of Minneapolis welcomes Beyoncé to our city.

Passed this the Twentieth Day of July 2023

Andrea Jenkins, President of the Council

Approved:

Jacob Frey, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk