

NRP MEMORIAL RESOLUTION FOR FRANCES GUMINGA

WHEREAS, Frances Guminga was a tireless activist, advocate, and mentor to many residents in both North and Northeast Minneapolis and across the city and metro area; and,

WHEREAS, Frances Guminga was instrumental in the creation and work of several Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP) neighborhood organizations, which were creating comprehensive NRP Phase I plans for the neighborhoods of Bottineau, Shingle Creek, and Lind-Bohanon Neighborhood Associations; and,

WHEREAS, Frances Guminga was: President of Bottineau Citizens in Action; Co-Founder of the Mississippi Corridor Neighborhood Coalition (MCNC) of 20 neighborhoods, whose environmental advocacy work has been instrumental to the City of Minneapolis and its residents; Co-founder of Clean Energy Now, a metro-wide area coalition of over 2,000 environmental advocacy agencies, organizations, and residents, which led the nation's first effort for coal-to-gas conversions of the Xcel Energy Riverside, High Bridge, and King Coal Plants; and,

WHEREAS, Frances Guminga authored numerous comment letters and successful environmental grants leading to the following environmental improvements in our lifetime: Improved water and air monitoring and reporting in Minneapolis and metropolitan area; Stormwater/Sewer separation for improved water quality of the Mississippi River; and Inclusion of the DNR Critical Area Plan in the City of Minneapolis Master plan, striving to improve the environment in Minneapolis and the Mississippi River; and,

WHEREAS, Frances Guminga authored the award-winning "*Conceptual River Corridor Plan*" for North/Northeast/South Minneapolis, recognized as a "national model", was eventually used for the "Above the Falls Master Plan" efforts; Co-authored the first Environmental Inventory done for North/Northeast/South Minneapolis neighborhoods in 1993, and Authored the "Historical Marshall Street Walking Tour"; and,

BE IT THEREFOR RESOLVED, that the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board honors Frances Guminga for her tireless and invaluable work establishing, empowering and educating residents and neighborhoods about their roles and responsibilities in the City; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program Policy Board honors Frances Guminga for her visionary work and lifelong environmental advocacy which have benefited and will benefit the Mississippi River and citizens of the City of Minneapolis long into the future; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, those official copies of this resolution are sent to Family of Frances Guminga, and to the City of Minneapolis Central Library for its permanent record.