



The City of Minneapolis
A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

By **B. Johnson, Reich, Gordon, Frey, Yang, Warsame,
Goodman, Glidden, Cano, Bender, Quincy, A. Johnson, and Palmisano**

Recognizing National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Day.

Whereas, Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc. (IRIS) and Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep (NILMDTS), work with thousands of parents all over Minnesota and across the United States who have experienced the death of a child during pregnancy through early childhood; and

Whereas, Many of these parents live in, deliver in, have a child die in, or a bury a child in Hennepin County; and

Whereas, Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep (NILMDTS) and Infants Remembered In Silence (IRIS) are both 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations founded to create support for parents whose child/children died from miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, molar pregnancy, stillbirth, neo-natal death, sudden unexplained death of a child (SUDC) sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS), birth defects, illness, accidents, and all other types of early childhood death; and

Whereas, Bereaved parents internationally remember these children annually with a candle lighting on October 15 which commences at 1900 hours. Some will remember their child/children in their homes while other will remember them in small gatherings around the state and across the nation; and

Whereas, Lighting of the 35W Bridge would unify these parents in tribute to their children; and

Whereas, In 1988, President Ronald Reagan proclaimed October as National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness month; and

Whereas, In honor of the thousands of children that die each year in Minnesota, Now I Lay Me Down To Sleep, and Infants Remembered In Silence, Inc. (IRIS) respectfully request that the 35W Bridge be light in baby pink and baby blue;

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

That the City Council declares the month October 2016 to be National Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month in the City of Minneapolis and that the 35W Bridge be lit in baby pink and baby blue on October 15, 2016.

Passed the 2nd day of September, 2016.

FOR THE COUNCIL:

Barbara A. Johnson, *President of City Council*

APPROVED:

Betsy Hodges, *Mayor*

ATTEST:

Casey Joe Carl, *City Clerk*