



PROCLAMATION
Recognizing the City of St. Anthony Village 75th Anniversary

In 1858, the Township of St. Anthony was organized and formalized its boundaries in 1861. Much of this area would become the future St. Anthony Village and Northeast Minneapolis.

In 1861, the Township of St. Anthony extended to the Mississippi River. The area thrived due to lumber, grain milling, shipping, farming and other trading activities. By 1887, the Township of St. Anthony was greatly reduced due mostly to annexation by the City of Minneapolis. What area remained, approximately 1,087 acres, was agricultural in nature, with much of the land being devoted to vegetable production or hog farming.

Minutes from township meetings that were held between 1858 to 1945 contain the names of numerous families who were prominent in the township's history and which includes Rankin, Kenzie, Pahl, Ramberg, McInnis, Partridge, Daniels, Lemke and Hertog. Many of these families that helped develop the community are remembered on several Village street signs.

After World War II, the demand for affordable housing drastically increased. Al Forsythe, a realtor and developer, found what he felt was a prime piece of property in the area of St. Anthony Boulevard. He petitioned to have it annexed into the City of Minneapolis in order to gain City water and sewer service. However, on October 16, 1945, the residents living in St. Anthony Township petitioned the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners to allow them to incorporate St. Anthony.

WHEREAS, seventy-five years ago the residents of St. Anthony Township desired to form a village; and

WHEREAS, an election was held in November of 1945 to vote on incorporation; and

WHEREAS, the voters approved the incorporation; and

WHEREAS, the incorporation was challenged by the State on the grounds that the Township was too rural; and

WHEREAS, On March 15, 1946, the Minnesota Supreme Court upheld St. Anthony Township's incorporation petition and it became St. Anthony Village.

WHEREAS, in 1973, the Minnesota Legislature passed legislation that required that all municipal designations be changed to "city." Hence, the official name of "City of St. Anthony Village" appears on all official documents.

NOWTHEREFORE, I, Randy Stille, Mayor of the City of St. Anthony Village in the State of Minnesota, let it be resolved that November 20, 2020 shall be designated as the 75th Anniversary of the establishment of the City of St. Anthony Village.



Randy Stille, Mayor

November 10, 2020
Date