

Proclamation

WHEREAS, on June 1, 1986, the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority in and for the City of Minneapolis (MPHA) was created and vested with the authority to manage public housing resources in the City of Minneapolis and to promote and deliver quality, well managed homes to a diverse, low income population and, as a valued partner, contribute to the well-being of the individuals, families, and communities it serves; and

WHEREAS, for the past 41 years, Cora McCorvey has served in various capacities for the City of Minneapolis and the Minneapolis Public Housing Authority

WHEREAS, MPHA became an independent agency following its separation from the Minneapolis Community Development Agency in 1991; and

WHEREAS, for the past 25 years, Cora McCorvey has served as the MPHA's first and only Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, Under the leadership of Cora McCorvey, the MPHA moved its low rent public housing program from a housing authority at risk of being labeled "troubled" to a United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) designated "High Performer" agency in 1997; and in 2007 MPHA achieved the same designation for its Section 8 program. MPHA has held these designations ever since; and

WHEREAS, Cora McCorvey brought leadership, accountability and responsiveness to the operations of MPHA and transformed the Agency into one of the premier providers of quality, safe, decent and affordable housing in the nation; and

WHEREAS, MPHA has received numerous national, regional and local awards, recognitions, established many firsts among public housing programs in the nation, has retained an occupancy rate of nearly 99% and consistently fully utilizes its Section 8 voucher increment; and

WHEREAS, through her 25 year tenure as Executive Director, Cora McCorvey has made a difference in the quality of life of tens of thousands of low-income individuals and families in the City of Minneapolis; and

WHEREAS, Cora McCorvey has demonstrated through her passion, values, and commitment, the qualities of outstanding public service which serve as a model to MPHA staff, residents and others seeking to excel in service to the public;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BETSY HODGES, Mayor of the City of Minneapolis, do hereby proclaim January 26, 2017 as:

CORA MCCORVEY DAY IN THE CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS



Mayor of Minneapolis

