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MINNESOTA

Memorandum

DATE: December 1, 2014

TO: Mayor Gene Winstead

FROM: Lorinda Pearson, Manager, Human Services Division

CC: Dennis Kane, Chairperson, Bloomington Human Rights Commission

RE: 2014 Human Rights Day Proclamation
2014 Omar Bonderud Human Rights Award Presentation

Attached is information regarding the two Council Agenda items for December 1, 2014.

2014 Human Rights Day Proclamation

[Mayor Winstead will read the Human Rights Day Proclamation.]

[Dennis Kane, Human Rights Commission Chairperson, will accept the Proclamation.]

Human Rights Day is a time for people to reflect about the meaning, importance, and the need for human rights. December 10th, 1948 was the date chosen to honor the United Nations General Assembly's adoption and proclamation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The Universal Declaration of Human Rights arose directly from the experience of the Second World War and represents the first global expression of rights to which all human beings are inherently entitled. The Bloomington Human Rights Commission annually recognizes the anniversary and invites its residents to continue to work toward making Bloomington a model for fair and equal rights for ALL persons.

2014 Omar Bonderud Human Rights Award Presentation

[Mayor Winstead will read the following background information on the award recipient. HRC Chairperson Dennis Kane will co-present the awards.]

Background Information:

This year, the Commission has selected both an individual and an organization to receive the Omar Bonderud Human Rights Award.

Mr. Frank M. White *was selected for his leadership in Bloomington Human Rights Commission activities including the Dred and Harriet Scott recognition in 2013 and the Black History Celebration events in 2014. Frank noted that Bloomington's Dred Scott playfield was without recognition of who Scott was and the significance he played in the area as a slave at Fort Snelling. The resulting plaques at Dred Scott Playfields and educational programming brought attention to the issue of slavery in Minnesota, a free-state and the role Scott's case for freedom played in the development of the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments of the U.S. Constitution.*

In addition, Frank spearheaded efforts to celebrate Black History in Minnesota Baseball. Mr. White's display "They Played for the Love of the Game" highlighted research of the role players of colors had in breaking down barriers in professional baseball. Two community programs and several informal events gave Mr. White an opportunity to share highlights of local players of color and the role of the Minneapolis Millers and the Minnesota Twins at Metropolitan Stadium in Bloomington.

Please join me in recognizing Frank White.

- [Mayor Winstead and Human Rights Commission Chairperson Dennis Kane will present the 2014 Omar Bonderud Human Rights Award to Frank M. White.]
- [Mr. White will be given an opportunity to address the Council.]
- [Grant Parker take a few photos.]

The non-profit organization, ***Cornerstone Advocacy Service****, was selected for its efforts to address the area of human rights through its human trafficking programming. Cornerstone's statewide program entitled "Day One" focuses on sexual exploitation, safe harbor law and no wrong door models that protect victims of trafficking.*

Day One's programming helps find services for victims of human trafficking including children and teenagers forced into sex trade, adults over the age of 18 or involved in commercial sex through force, fraud or coercion and children and adults forced to perform labor and/or services through force, fraud or coercion. With the assistance from their network partners, Cornerstone has created a coordinated "no wrong door" response and referral process for the purposes of connecting youth with service options.

Please join me in recognizing Cornerstone Advocacy Service.

- [Mayor Winstead and Human Rights Commission Chairperson Dennis Kane will present the 2014 Omar Bonderud Human Rights Award to Susan Neis, outgoing Executive Director, Cornerstone Advocacy Service.]

- [Cornerstone Advocacy Service will be given an opportunity to address the Council.]
- [Grant Parker will take a few photos.]

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