

# Proclamation



**City of Minneapolis**

**City of Saint Paul**

*WHEREAS, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg inspired lawyers, elected leaders, and residents on a scale unmatched by any Supreme Court Justice in modern history, as evidenced by the universal recognition of her initials, “RBG”; and*

*WHEREAS, Justice Ginsburg’s legacy as a trailblazer for women in law and her pioneering work for gender equality in America will last forever; and*

*WHEREAS, Justice Ginsburg’s expert defense of preclearance and voting rights in her dissent in Shelby County v. Holder has served as a rallying cry for people, local governments, and lawmakers who believe that the right to vote is absolute; and*

*WHEREAS, even before her time on the bench, Ginsburg became the preeminent legal advocate for gender equality and successfully argued to establish a heightened scrutiny for gender discrimination claims, giving women across the country legal recourse for unfair treatment; and*

*WHEREAS, Justice Ginsburg was a decisive fifth vote to uphold the Fair Housing Act, a monumental victory for our Twin Cities in the continued struggle to realize housing as a human right; and*

*WHEREAS, at a moment when the need to address racial justice is front and center for our Twin Cities and for our nation, Justice Ginsburg’s steadfast advocacy for a fairer nation is an example for us all to follow; and*

*WHEREAS, Justice Ginsburg’s legacy as a champion for marginalized groups across identities of race, gender, economic status, sexual orientation, disability status, and religion, is impossible to overstate; and*

*WHEREAS, as we enter a pivotal moment for the long-term vitality of our democracy, Justice Ginsburg’s work to defend the truth, fair elections, and justice under the law will be essential safeguards for our republic; and*

*WHEREAS, in keeping with her last wish, the people of our Twin Cities will advocate for Justice Ginsburg’s replacement to be named by a president whose commitment to justice and human rights reflects her own.*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I JACOB FREY, Mayor of the City of Minneapolis, and I MELVIN CARTER, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, do hereby proclaim September 21, 2020 as;*

## **RUTH BADER GINSBURG DAY IN THE TWIN CITIES**

**Mayor of Minneapolis**

**Mayor of Saint Paul**