

**The Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association (DMNA)
Resolution of Support for an Educational Facility**

WHEREAS, the Downtown East and West neighborhoods have experienced a significant population growth in the past 10 years, with a noticeable increase of families and children; and

WHEREAS, the DMNA has been established by the city of Minneapolis to address the livability issues of residents and businesses in the downtown area; and

WHEREAS, there are many amenities that support the growing population of families and children in the Downtown East and West neighborhoods along with the North Loop including a new playground, a large central library, several parks and green spaces, Mill City Farmer's Market, riverfront bike and pedestrian paths and numerous daycare facilities; and

WHEREAS, the adjacent North Loop neighborhood will soon have a full service grocery store, a key component of neighborhood development; and

WHEREAS, the Minneapolis Downtown Council has proposed a plan to double the downtown residential population to 70,000 by the year 2025 and also "ensure every child who lives Downtown can attend a school Downtown" in their Downtown 2025 plan; and

WHEREAS, the DMNA board unanimously agrees that a sustainable community must foster a balanced population that includes families and children who can attend a school nearby; and

WHEREAS, there is no elementary educational facility in the fastest growing neighborhood of Minneapolis along the Downtown Riverfront; and

WHEREAS, if an educational facility is not built for the Downtown Riverfront area, the area will become less attractive to families with children; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved on 13 November 2012 that the Downtown Minneapolis Neighborhood Association joins the North Loop Neighborhood Association in pursuing the installation of an educational facility to serve the rapidly growing population of children in the Downtown Riverfront area.