



PROCLAMATION

REMEMBERANCE DAY IN HONOR OF ERNEST MCDUFFEY

Saturday, September 5, 2026

WHEREAS, on September 5, 1931, Ernest McDuffey, an African American worker in Anoka, was the target of an attempted lynching, an act of racial terror that threatened his life and violated the fundamental principles of justice and human dignity; and

WHEREAS, the City of Anoka recognizes the importance of acknowledging painful chapters of our history to foster understanding, healing, and a shared commitment to equity; and

WHEREAS, remembering Ernest McDuffey affirms our dedication to confronting racial violence, honoring the resilience of those who endured it, and ensuring such acts are neither forgotten nor repeated; and

WHEREAS, the City of Anoka is committed to building a community grounded in respect, inclusion, and the protection of the rights and safety of all who are within its borders.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Erik Skogquist, by the virtue vested in me as Mayor of the City of Anoka, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim, *Saturday, September 5, 2026 as Remembrance Day in Honor of Ernest McDuffey* in the City of Anoka and encourage all residents to reflect on our shared history and reaffirm our commitment to justice and human dignity.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. Skogquist".

Erik Skogquist, Mayor
City of Anoka, Minnesota
August 3, 2026