

RESOLUTION NO. 100934

Expressing appreciation and thanks to City staff for its response to the violent storm of September 18.

WHEREAS, a violent wind and rain storm of September 18, 2010, wreaked havoc on portions of Kansas City's Northland bounded generally by N.E. 56th Street on the north, Parvin Road on the south, Antioch Road on the west, and I-435 on the east, uprooting trees, damaging homes, sparking prolonged power outages, blocking streets, and bringing distress and chaos to a peaceful fall weekend; and

WHEREAS, despite the storm's occurrence at 10:45 p.m. on Saturday night, Parks and Recreation and Public Works crews cleared major streets for travel by midnight, and all streets in the area were open for traffic by the end of the day on Sunday; and

WHEREAS, as the massive cleanup unfolded in the wake of the storm, valiant crews from the Parks and Recreation and Public Works Departments were joined by Water Services crews as well as Parks and Recreation contractor Asplundh Tree Expert Company, all working in a coordinated, mission-driven manner to quickly relieve the misery of the many residents impacted by the powerful storm; and

WHEREAS, the response was all the more extraordinary against the backdrop of budget reductions experienced by the several departments over the last three years, revealing once more the dedication and resourcefulness of Kansas City's stalwart work crews and professional managers; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE COUNCIL OF KANSAS CITY:

That the Mayor and Council hereby express appreciation and thanks to City staff for its response to the violent storm of September 18; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the Minutes of the Council in testimony thereof and that a copy hereof be presented to Mark McHenry, Forest Decker, Stan Harris and Greg Rokos with the profound appreciation and gratitude of the Mayor, Council and citizens of Kansas City for the Parks and Recreation, Public Works and Water Services Departments for their timely and well-executed response to the destructive storm of September 18, 2010.

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