

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROCLAIMING)	RESOLUTION NO. 17-4832
SEPTEMBER 26 AND 28, 2017, AS)	
MINORITY ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT)	Introduced by Council President Tom
WEEK)	Hughes

WHEREAS, Metro is committed to diversity, equity and inclusion to address systematic inequities that impact our communities by providing support and tools to Metro staff, the Metro Council and community partners to create an equitable region for all; and

WHEREAS, in June 2016, the Metro Council adopted a Strategic Plan to Advance Racial Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, which identifies concrete action items related to improving economic opportunity for communities of color; and

WHEREAS, in May 2017, the Metro Council adopted an updated Diversity Action Plan, which provides an implementation structure and strengthened goals, objectives and actions for Metro to develop and improve an inclusive work culture that celebrates all dimensions of diversity; and

WHEREAS, Minority-owned businesses make up a significant portion of local regional businesses and contribute directly to the growth and prosperity of the regional economy; and

WHEREAS, Metro recognizes the region is stronger when everyone has the same opportunity to succeed and research shows that places with greater racial inclusion and smaller racial income gaps are the most economically successful; and

WHEREAS, recognizing a Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week will be an opportunity to support and celebrate the contributions that local minority-owned businesses make to our regional economy; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Metro Council proclaims September 26 and 28, 2017 as Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week in the Metro region and encourages all residents to observe this week.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 14th day of September, 2017.

Tom Hughes, Council President

Approved as to Form:

Alison R. Kean, Metro Attorney