

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-011

A RESOLUTION CALLING ON GOVERNOR WALZ TO ISSUE AN EVICTION MORATORIUM THROUGH EXECUTIVE ORDER TO SUPPORT COLUMBIA HEIGHTS FAMILIES IN THEIR HOME AND FURTHER PROTECT THEM FROM FEDERAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

The City of Columbia Heights is committed to the safety, stability, and well-being of all who live, work, and do business in the community.

Recent federal enforcement activity in Minnesota, including Operation Metro Surge, has resulted in a significant and highly visible presence of federal agents across the Twin Cities metropolitan area, including Columbia Heights, creating uncertainty, fear, and disruption for residents, workers, and business owners.

Community members have reported difficulty safely traveling to work, school, healthcare, and other essential services, negatively affecting household stability and local economic activity.

During prior statewide emergencies, including the COVID-19 pandemic, temporary eviction protections were implemented to prevent displacement and allow time for coordinated government response.

Without short-term protection residents and small businesses face increased risk of displacement, closure, and long-term emotional, psychological, and economic harm.

The City Council seeks to act in alignment with its values of accountability, community, equity, safety, and integrity, while recognizing the rights and responsibilities of both tenants and housing providers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Columbia Heights respectfully requests the Governor of Minnesota to consider temporary eviction protections through executive order to address the current extraordinary circumstances, with the goal of preventing displacement, supporting economic stability, and allowing state and local partners to respond in a coordinated and measured manner; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council calls on the State of Minnesota to provide targeted financial and recovery assistance to impacted local governments to support recovery and stabilization efforts for residents and businesses.

Passed this 9th day of February 2026

Offered by:
Seconded by:
Roll Call:

Attest:

Amáda Márquez Simula, Mayor

Sara Ion, City Clerk/Council Secretary