



MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

PROCLAMATION DECLARING OCTOBER 20, 2025 AS MARY ELLEN FRAME DAY

- WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Frame has been a vital and inspiring presence in the Northfield community for decades, contributing to its cultural, artistic, and agricultural life with extraordinary passion and dedication; and
- WHEREAS, as a talented and deeply observant photographer, Mary Ellen has shared her unique artistic vision through exhibits at the Northfield Arts Guild, Studio ARTour, and other local venues, capturing the quiet beauty of everyday life and rural landscapes; and
- WHEREAS, Mary Ellen has not only created and exhibited her own work but has encouraged intergenerational artistic expression, notably exhibiting alongside her daughter, ceramic artist Glynnis Lessing, further enriching Northfield's artistic legacy; and
- WHEREAS, she is recognized across the region and beyond as a pioneer in sustainable agriculture, having successfully transitioned her farmland to the next generation of growers—including members of the Hmong American Farmers Association—thus ensuring that the land continues to nourish both people and community; and
- WHEREAS, Mary Ellen's life reflects a deep and abiding commitment to environmental stewardship, creativity, mentorship, and community resilience, values that align closely with the spirit and ethos of Northfield; and
- WHEREAS, Mary Ellen Frame's ties to the city are further deepened by her roots in the Carleton College community, where she is honored as an alumna of the Class of 1957; and
- WHEREAS, in this, her 90th year, the City of Northfield wishes to recognize and celebrate Mary Ellen Frame's many contributions, accomplishments, and enduring legacy;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Erica Zweifel do hereby formally recognize

Monday October 20, 2025 as Mary Ellen Frame Day in the City of Northfield

And urge all residents to join in honoring her remarkable life, her dedication to art and agriculture, and her unwavering commitment to the betterment of our shared community.


Mayor Erica Zweifel