

Indigenous Peoples' Day October 14, 2024

Whereas: For longer than any other people, Indigenous nations have lived upon the land where our nation and City now stand; and

Whereas: Indigenous Peoples' Day is an important time to celebrate the rich culture, tradition, and history and acknowledge the important contributions of America's original people; and

It is also an opportune time to educate the general public about the severe challenges American Whereas: Indians have faced both historically and in the present, and the ways in which American Indians have worked to conquer these challenges; and

The land in present day is located on the ancestral and contemporary lands of American Indian Whereas: people and home of the original people of Turtle Island since time immemorial, and without whom, the building of this City would not have been possible and holds great historical, spiritual and personal significance for its original stewards; and

Whereas: American Indians over the many years protected and preserved the landscape of Minnesota and the City of Roseville, including their intrinsic traditional knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts as well as their cultural belief system that stipulates that they are protectors and stewards of the natural environment for the benefit of all; and

American Indian people today face significant disparities that impact their safety, health, Whereas: wellbeing, education, vitality, and cultural preservation, and the City of Roseville understands that in order to help combat these disparities, government entities, organizations, and other public institutions should change their policies and practices to better reflect the experiences of American Indian people and uplift our country's Indigenous roots, history, and contributions to ensure greater access and opportunity; and

In 1990, representatives from 120 Indigenous nations at the First Continental Conference on 500 Whereas: Years of Indian Resistance unanimously passed a resolution to transform Columbus Day into an occasion to strengthen the process of continental unity and struggle towards liberation, and thereby use the occasion to reveal a more accurate historical record; and

The Twin Cities community has a strong history of over four decades of American Indian activism, Whereas: which the City celebrates and honors; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the City Council hereby declares that the City of Roseville observes Indigenous Peoples Day on October 14, 2024 in order to promote appreciation, healing, reconciliation, understanding, friendship and continued partnerships with the American Indian Community.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Roseville to be affixed this

23rd day of September 2024.

Mayor Daniel J. Roe