

### Volunteer Month Proclamation April 21, 2025

WHEREAS: Volunteers make an immeasurable impact on the health and well-being of communities by offering their time, skills, and resources for the benefit of others; and

WHEREAS: City of Roseville volunteers contributed 5,446 hours of service in 2024, which is the equivalent of 2.6 full-time positions, helping facilitate the city's innovative natural resources program; volunteering at community celebrations including Rosefest, Earth Day, and Wild Rice Festival; contributing time to Public Works initiatives including Clean-up Day and Shredding Day; and helping to beautify our city at events including Blooming Boulevard and Arbor Day; and

**WHEREAS:** Roseville's vibrant network of civic and nonprofit organizations including Friends of Roseville Parks, Friends of the OVAL, Central Park Foundation, Roseville Police Foundation, and numerous others, also rely on volunteers to contribute to City of Roseville programs, parks, and its people; and

**WHEREAS:** Roseville's strong volunteer ethic reflects Minnesota, which ranked third in the United States for formal volunteerism participation; logging more than 110 million's hours of service annually; and

WHEREAS: Volunteers are essential in building stronger, more connected communities, creating lasting changes where they live, work, and play; and

WHEREAS: Volunteer Month provides an opportunity to celebrate the impact people have when they use their civic power to support the causes they care about; and

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, that the City Council hereby declares April 2025, to be Volunteer Month in The City of Roseville.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Roseville to be affixed this twenty-first of April, 2025.





### **Mental Health Awareness Month 2025**

**Whereas:** Mental health is a part of overall health and helps to sustain an individual's thought processes, relationships, productivity and ability to adapt to change or face adversity. Mental illness adversely affects those abilities and often is life-threatening in nature. According to the Mental Health Alliance, 1 in 5 adults and children will experience a mental health condition in their lifetime; and

**Whereas:** It is important for all to maintain mental health and learn the symptoms of mental illness. Long delays—sometimes decades—often occur between the time symptoms first appear and when individuals get help. Early identification and treatment can make a difference in successful management of mental illness and recovery; and

**Whereas:** We recognize numerous residents of the City of Roseville are impacted by mental illness; and

Whereas: Every citizen and community can make a difference in helping end the silence and stigma that for too long has surrounded mental illness and discouraged people from getting help; and

**Whereas:** Public education and civic activities can encourage mental health and help improve the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness; and

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the City Council hereby declares the month of May, 2025 to be Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Roseville.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Roseville to be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2025.





# Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month May 2025

Whereas: The City of Roseville is committed to recognizing and honoring the contributions of all members of our community; and

**Whereas:** In 1992, Congress passed Public Law 102-450 which annually designated May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month; and

Whereas: The Month of May was selected to commemorate the immigration of Japanese citizens to the United States on May 7, 1843 and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869 with the majority of the workers being Chinese Immigrants who were often mistreated; and

Whereas: Japanese American troops fought for freedom from tyranny abroad in World War II while their families here at home were interned simply on the basis of their ethnic origin; and

**Whereas:** In 1965, the Immigration and Nationality Act opened new doors of opportunity to more Asian and Pacific Islander Immigrants; and

Whereas: The end of the Vietnam War brought new Vietnamese, Cambodian, Hmong and Laotian communities to the United States of America and Minnesota; and

**Whereas:** There are over 20 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States with over 260,000 calling Minnesota home and with nearly 3500 in Roseville based on the 2020 Census; and

Whereas: Many Roseville residents identify as Asian American or Pacific Islander, particularly Hmong and Karen community members. They contribute to the vibrant community of Roseville through their rich cultures and also as business owners, educators, scientists, artists and many other ways; and

**Whereas:** The Hmong people began arriving in Minnesota in 1975 as refugees from the destructive wars in their homeland, in which the Twin Cities metro region has the largest concentration of Hmong people in America; and

Whereas: The Karen people have been oppressed in their homeland for decades and sought refuge in other places, with St. Paul currently supporting one of the largest Karen communities in America; and

Whereas: Despite all the progress, many Asian American and Pacific Islanders continue to face persistent inequality and discrimination including barriers to equal access to education, employment, and healthcare. Asian Americans, especially those who are Muslim, Hindu or Sikh—too often face senseless violence and harassment due to the color of their skin, tenets of their faith, or merely by being Asian; and

**Whereas:** In 2025 Asian American and Pacific Island Heritage Month honors the theme of "A Legacy of Leadership and Resilience" and

Whereas: The City of Roseville invites all members of the Roseville Community to renew their commitment to ensuring cultural humility, racial equality, and justice by participating in activities designed to advance the cause of freedom and equality for all.

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved** that the City Council hereby declares the month of May 2025 to be Asian American and Pacific Island Heritage Month in the City of Roseville, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, U.S.A.

**In Witness whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Roseville be affixed this 21<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2025.



## Older Adults Month May 2025

Whereas: Roseville is home to many residents aged 60 years and older; and

Whereas: Older adults in Roseville are the roots from which our community has grown, who bestow gifts of wisdom and insight upon younger generations and strengthen the bonds between neighbors to create a better place to live; and

**Whereas:** The City of Roseville recognizes and focuses on older adults taking charge of their health, getting engaged in their communities, and making positive impacts in the lives of others: and

Whereas: Older adults are productive, active and influential members of society, sharing essential talents, wisdom and life experiences with families, friends and neighbors; and

**Whereas:** Our community can provide that recognition and respect by enriching the quality of life for older adults by:

- Increasing opportunities to remain in their communities as active and engaged citizens;
- Providing services, technologies and support systems that allow older adults to foster and maintain connections within the community; and
- Emphasizing the value of older adults by publicly recognizing their contributions to the diversity, strength and unity of our community.

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved** that the City Council hereby declare May 2025 to be Older Adults Month in the City of Roseville, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, U.S.A.

Be it Further Resolved that we urge every citizen to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members and volunteers who care for them. Our recognition of older adults and their involvement in our lives can help us achieve stronger and more meaningful connections with each other and enrich our community's quality of life.

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## Days of Remembrance April 2025

**Whereas:** The Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systemic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945; and

**Whereas:** An estimated six million Jews along with millions of Romani, disabled, LGBTQ+, and political dissidents among other marginalized groups suffered grievously and were murdered under Nazi tyranny; and

**Whereas:** The history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies and governments; and

Whereas: The Days of Remembrance have been set aside as a time for all to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all people to strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance; and

Whereas: The people of the City of Roseville remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and especially the deaths of more than a million children who were victims and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution and tyranny; and

**Whereas:** The people of Roseville are dedicated to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

**Whereas:** The Roseville community honors the memory of the victims, survivors, rescuers and liberators of the Holocaust.

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved**, the City Council hereby proclaims the week of April 23 to April 30, 2025 as Days of Remembrance in the City of Roseville, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, U.S.A

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