

Indigenous Peoples' Day October 13, 2025

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

Whereas: It is also an opportune time to raise awareness of the severe challenges American Indians have faced both past and present, and the ways in which American Indians have worked to conquer these challenges; and

Whereas: Roseville stands on the ancestral and contemporary homelands of the Indigenous people of Turtle Island – land that holds great historical, spiritual and personal significance for its original steward, and without whom, the building of this City would not have been possible; and

Whereas: American Indians over the many years protected and preserved the landscape of Minnesota and the City of Roseville, contributing 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

Whereas: American Indian people today continue to face significant disparities that impact their safety, health, wellbeing, education, vitality, and cultural preservation, and the City of Roseville understands that addressing these disparities require government entities, organizations, and other public institutions to align 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

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

Whereas: The Twin Cities community has a strong history, spanning more than four decades, of American Indian activism that 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 13, 2025 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 22nd day of September 2025.

Mayor Daniel J. Roe