

REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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Department Approval

City Manager Approval



Item Description: Policy to Recognize Various Commemorative Days or Months

BACKGROUND

As an unwritten policy, based on the League of Minnesota Cities' Cultural Diversity initiative, Roseville recognizes cultural heritage months officially recognized by the U.S. Congress. These months include:

- Black History Month (February)
- Women's History Month (March)
- Asian Pacific American Heritage Month (May)
- Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15 - October 15)
- American Indian Heritage Month (November)

The City also recognizes other special days/events including Martin Luther King Day, Arbor Day and Kiwanis Peanut Day. On occasion the City recognizes individuals who have achieved outstanding accomplishments – Girl Scouts Gold Award, Boy Scout Eagle Badge or retirement.

In addition to the cultural heritage months, Congress recognizes numerous special days, weeks and months to raise awareness about a cause.

Throughout a year, numerous entities ask the City to declare a day or month honoring an individual or special interest. For example, in 2009 the City declared Jazz Month and earlier this year, the City declared Older Americans Month. These months had been recognized, while other requests have not been brought forward based on the unwritten policy. Supporters of those months wonder when some commemorative months are brought forward and others are not.

POLICY OBJECTIVE

Establish a policy that sets criteria to recognize various commemorative days or months.

FINANCIAL IMPACTS

None

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

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