

Proclamation observing “Native American Heritage Month”

Whereas, Native American communities are an integral part of the diversity that makes St. Louis Park a great place to experience life; and

Whereas, Minnesota celebrates Native American Month in May to recognize and honor Native American cultures, contributions, history, traditions, art and land; and

Whereas, the lands that make up St. Louis Park are the ancestral and contemporary homelands of a vibrant and diverse Native American community comprised of 11 sovereign tribal governments, including the Dakota (Sioux) and Anishinaabe (Chippewa, Ojibwe) with unique government to government relationships with the State of Minnesota, as well as a robust urban Native American communities that include tribal affiliations from across the country; and

Whereas, Native American entrepreneurs, educators, artists, community, spiritual and political leaders have helped create a more just and inclusive community for all; and

Whereas, Many Native American Minnesotans remind us daily of our rich Native American heritage including Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan, Ojibwe, who grew up in the City of St. Louis Park, the highest ranking Native American woman elected to executive office in the United States; Heid E. Erdrich, Ojibwe, author of seven award winning poetry collections; Henry Boucha, Ojibwe, Minnesota hockey legend, Olympic silver medalist, and NHLer; and Ohiyesa, also known as Charles Eastman, Dakota, physician and famed published author; and


Whereas, state and federally sanctioned laws and practices have contributed to the historical and generational trauma and displacement of Native American nations; and

Whereas, this month is an opportunity to take steps forward and work together to build practices and policies that eliminate discrimination and promote understanding and respect of Native American communities and their tribal sovereignty,

Now therefore, let it be known that the mayor and city council of the City of St. Louis Park, Minnesota, hereby observe May 2025 as Native American month in our community.



Wherefore, I set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the City of St. Louis Park to be affixed this 5th day of May 2025.



Nadia Mohamed, mayor