

## Proclamation observing “Deaf History Month”

**Whereas**, the deaf community includes those who are born without the ability to hear and those who lose their hearing; and

**Whereas**, deafness is not new to humans and records of deaf individuals date back to ancient Egypt and Greece while society’s perceptions and treatment of deafness has evolved; and

**Whereas**, there is a rich history of deaf individuals and communities in the United States, including Gallaudet University, the world’s only liberal arts university specifically for deaf people; and

**Whereas**, deaf people have made great strides through advocacy and language and it is up to hearing individuals to educate and create awareness to ensure full equity and inclusion to meet the needs of our deaf neighbors, colleagues, leaders and loved ones; and

**Whereas**, St. Louis Park is committed to being a leader in racial equity and inclusion and strives to be a place of welcoming and belonging for deaf people, their culture and language; and

**Whereas**, although the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) provides some protections for deaf people, there is much more that can be done to make employment, participation and civic life fully accessible for deaf people,

**Now therefore** let it be known that the mayor and city council of the City of St. Louis Park, Minnesota, hereby proclaim April 2026 as Deaf History Month in St. Louis Park.



**Wherefore**, I set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the City of St. Louis Park to be affixed this 6th day of April 2026.



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Nadia Mohamed, mayor