



Proclamation observing “American Indian/Native American Heritage Month”

Whereas, American Indian communities are an integral part of the diversity that makes St. Louis Park a vibrant city; and

Whereas, Minnesota celebrates American Indian Month in May to recognize and honor tribal nations and the robust urban communities that include tribal affiliations from across the country; and

Whereas, the lands that make up St. Louis Park are the ancestral and contemporary homelands of the Dakota people and Minnesota is a vibrant and diverse community composed of 11 sovereign tribal governments; and

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

Whereas, many Minnesotans remind us daily of significant American Indian contributions to the state, including Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan, Ojibwe, who grew up in the City of St. Louis Park and is 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, Olympic silver medalist and National Hockey League legend; 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 American Indian nations through broken treaties, policies of forced removal and discrimination against American Indian cultural practices; 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 American Indian 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 2026 as American Indian/Native American Heritage 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 4th day of May 2026.



Nadia Mohamed, mayor