



RESOLUTION

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS - A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

By: Chavez, Payne, Wonsley, Rainville, Vetaw, Warren, Osman, Shaffer, Stevenson, Chughtai, Whiting, Chowdhury, and Palmisano

RECOGNIZING THE MONTH OF MAY AS AMERICAN INDIAN MONTH AND CELEBRATING THE HERITAGES, CULTURES, AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

- Whereas: Each year, during the month of May, Minnesota honors and celebrates American Indian Month; and
- Whereas: The celebrations kickoff with a community Powwow at the American Indian Center, a parade, and a float contest; and
- Whereas: American Indians are the original peoples of this land, here long before the United States existed; and
- Whereas: The United States Census Bureau estimates that, as of the 2020 census, nearly 9,700,000 Americans identified as American Indian or Alaska Native, alone or in combination; and
- Whereas: Minneapolis is home to one of the densest urban American Indian communities in the United States; and
- Whereas: Little Earth is home to nearly 1,000 residents, 50% of whom are under the age of 21. The community has 38 different Tribal Affiliations and is a model of self-determination for all Native peoples, prioritizing eliminating systemic barriers through wrap-around support services designed to move communities forward as well as address existing conditions; and
- Whereas: American Indians have vibrant cultures and traditions and hold a deeply rooted sense of community; and
- Whereas: American Indian history includes stories of tragedy, triumph, and perseverance that need to be shared with future generations; and
- Whereas: American Indians have made important contributions to the United States and the rest of the world in many fields, including agriculture, medicine, music, language, and art; and
- Whereas: The City is committed to informing and engaging the community on important issues, programs and resources through cultural media and hosts the Minneapolis American Indian Relations (Minneapolis A.I.R.) radio show on Native Roots Radio; and
- Whereas: The City values American Indian employees in the enterprise by supporting the employee resource group Minneapolis American Indian Network (MAIN);

—NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED—

That the Mayor and City Council do hereby celebrate American Indian Month and the many tribal nations and strong cultures that make up the Minneapolis Urban American Indian Community, seek to protect and uplift the voices, visions, and strength that exists within our communities, and encourage Minneapolis residents and visitors to participate in events being held in recognition of American Indian Month.

Passed this the Twenty-First Day of May 2026

Elliott Payne, President of the Council

Approved:

Jacob Frey, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk