



**PROCLAMATION HONORING  
INDIGENOUS PEOPLES' DAY  
OCTOBER 14, 2024**

**WHEREAS**, the City of West St. Paul recognizes that the Indigenous People of the lands that would later become known as the Americas have occupied these lands since time immemorial; and

**WHEREAS**, the City recognizes the fact that West St. Paul is built upon the homelands and villages of the Indigenous Peoples' of this region, without whom the building of the city would not be possible; and

**WHEREAS**, we recognize and renounce the tragic historical events in Minnesota's past and honor Indigenous Peoples' history, sacrifices and rich contributions to our community; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of West St. Paul is committed to eradicating the systemic racism towards Indigenous Peoples, which has resulted in chronic cycles of poverty and economic, health, education and social disparities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of West St. Paul supports efforts for Indigenous Peoples to give and receive support, share resources and embark on individual and community healing; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of West St. Paul proudly joins fellow communities, other municipal and state governments across the country to recognize and promote awareness, appreciation, solidarity and recognition of the Indigenous Peoples of this land. Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be used to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous People on this land and to celebrate the thriving culture and value that Indigenous Peoples add to our city.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that I, Mayor David J. Napier, and members of the City Council of the City of West St. Paul do recognize and hereby proclaim the second Monday in October as:

**Indigenous Peoples' Day**

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of West St Paul, Minnesota, to be affixed on this 14<sup>th</sup> day of October 2024.

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David J. Napier, Mayor