

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MN
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2020-111
RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield was established in 1856, after the Indigenous Wahpekute and other Bands of the Dakota Nation of this region were removed from the lands upon which they had lived since time immemorial; and

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield continues to make efforts to be a more inclusive community; and

WHEREAS, acknowledging the history and peoples who originally and still do inhabit and steward this land is a step toward telling the full history and healing wrongs committed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL THAT:

1. The City Council of the City of Northfield adopts the use of the following land acknowledgment statement: *We stand on the homelands of the Wahpekute and other Bands of the Dakota Nation. We honor with gratitude the people who have stewarded the land throughout the generations and their ongoing contributions to this region. We acknowledge the ongoing injustices that we have committed against the Dakota Nation, and we wish to interrupt this legacy, beginning with acts of healing and honest storytelling about this place.;and*
2. This statement may be used at ceremonial events and functions hosted by the City; and
3. This statement is the beginning of efforts by the City and community to build and repair relationships with the Wahpekute and other tribal communities.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Northfield on this 17th day of November, 2020.

ATTEST

City Clerk

Mayor

VOTE: ___ POWNELL ___ DELONG ___ GRABAU ___ NAKASIAN
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