

CITY OF NORTHFIELD, MN  
CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 2020-031  
RESOLUTION FOR ADOPTION OF LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT STATEMENT

**WHEREAS**, the City of Northfield was established in 1856, after the Indigenous Wahpekute Band of the Dakota Peoples 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 Band 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.*;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 10<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

ATTEST

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City Clerk

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Mayor

VOTE:    \_\_\_ POWNELL    \_\_\_ DELONG    \_\_\_ GRABAU    \_\_\_ NAKASIAN  
          \_\_\_ NESS    \_\_\_ PETERSON WHITE    \_\_\_ ZWEIFEL