



MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

RECOGNIZING INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY ON MONDAY OCTOBER 13, 2025

WHEREAS, we stand on the homelands of the Wahpekute and other Bands of the Dakota Nation; and

WHEREAS, we honor with gratitude the people who have stewarded this land throughout the generations and recognize their ongoing contributions to this region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield acknowledges the ongoing injustices that have been committed against the Dakota Nation, and affirms our intent to interrupt this legacy, beginning with acts of healing and honest storytelling about this place; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples have made, and continue to make, invaluable contributions to the cultural, spiritual, environmental, and civic life of Northfield, Minnesota, and the nation as a whole; and

WHEREAS, the City of Northfield is committed to recognizing and elevating the sovereignty, dignity, and resilience of Indigenous communities—past, present, and future; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous Peoples Day reflects the City's values of equity, inclusion, and respect for all peoples and cultures;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Mayor Erica Zweifel do hereby formally recognize

Monday October 13, 2025 as Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Northfield

and encourage all residents, schools, businesses, and institutions to honor the rich traditions, diverse cultures, and enduring contributions of indigenous peoples, and to take part in building a more just and truthful future for all.


Mayor Erica Zweifel