



The City of Minneapolis

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

**By Cano, Bender, Frey, Glidden, Goodman, Gordon,
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Honoring the historic relationships among the Dakota, Anishinaabe, Nahua and other Indigenous nations, and Recognizing the Mexica New Year Nahui Tekpatl Day in Minneapolis.

Whereas, in 2012 the City of Minneapolis declared “The Year of the Dakota” and in 2013 began recognizing Indigenous Peoples Day to address the racial inequities in our city, thereby demonstrating that government entities and other institutions can change their policies and practices to acknowledge, respect and honor Indigenous peoples; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis recognizes that the Dakota, Anishinaabe, Nahua and other Indigenous nations are the original inhabitants of this continent; and

Whereas, the international borders imposed by colonial rule have severely hindered and disrupted the political, economic, scientific, artistic and cultural collaborations between Northern and Southern Indigenous nations; and

Whereas, the City of Minneapolis acknowledges the importance of restoring and promoting the ancestral connections among Indigenous nations, which predate statehood; and

Whereas, the Dakota, Anishinaabe, Nahua and other Indigenous nations enhance our great city through their political, cultural, and scientific knowledge such as timekeeping measurements and records; and

Whereas, the Nahua people and related Indigenous communities have kept their own records of time for thousands of years and the Mexica created the Tonalmachiotl, a time keeping structure commonly referred to as the sun stone, that documents the bioenergetic alignment of the cycles of the sun, moon, venus and earth; and

Whereas, in this Gregorian year 2016, the Indigenous Mexican peoples, also known as the Mexica, will end the year Yei Akatl and begin the year Nahui Tekpatl with the new cycle occurring on March 11, 2016 at approximately 6:45 p.m. (CST); and

Whereas, the alliance of the traditional Mexica groups Kalpulli Yaocenochtli, Mexica Yolotl, Huitzillin, Santa Ursula de Coapa, Cuauhtemoc and the broader Indigenous community in Minneapolis will gather and celebrate the new year of Nahui Tekpatl in a public and family focused celebration from March 11 to March 13, 2016 at the Minneapolis American Indian Center hosted by Indigenous Roots,

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of the City of Minneapolis:

That March 11, 2016, is recognized as Mexica New Year in the City of Minneapolis.

Be It Further Resolved that the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Minneapolis recognize and celebrate the richness and diversity of the Indigenous Mexican Community and urge the community to join the celebration of Mexica New Year at the Minneapolis American Indian Center.

Passed, February 26, 2016

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Carl, City Clerk