



Legislation Text

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Honoring the historic relationships among the Dakota, Anishinaabe, Nahua and other Indigenous nations, and recognizing the Mexica New Year Makuilli Kalli Day in Saint Paul.

Whereas, in 2012 the City of Saint Paul 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 Saint Paul acknowledges the importance of restoring and promoting the ancestral connections among Indigenous nations, which predate statehood; and

Whereas, the Mexica, 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 Tonalmaxiotl, 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 2017, the Indigenous Mexican peoples, also known as the Mexica, will end the year Nahui Tekpatl and begin the year Makuilli Kalli with the new cycle occurring on March 12, 2017 at approximately 12:45 a.m.(CST); and

Whereas, the Nahui Tekpatl cycle brought enlightenment as we reached into deep teachings of our humanity to build bridges and not walls, enhanced our respect for the feminine essence of leadership and decision making; and

Whereas, Indigenous Roots embodies the vitality and tenacity of indigenous identities and ways of life. As an organization committed to social change, it strives to provide opportunities that promote and practice holistic wellbeing through indigenous arts, traditions, and culture; and

Whereas, the community will gather and celebrate the new year of Makuilli Kalli in a public and family focused celebration on March 11, 2017 at Johnson Senior High School hosted and organized by Indigenous Roots, Kalpulli Yaocenoxtli and Dayton’s Bluff Community Council in partnership with local dance and drum circles, artists, community organizations and businesses.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of the City of St. Paul:
That March 12, 2017, is recognized as Mexica New Year Makuilli Kalli in the City of St. Paul.

Be It Further Resolved that the Mayor and the City Council of the City of St. Paul recognize and celebrate the richness and diversity of the Indigenous Mexican Community and urge the community to join the celebration of Mexica New Year Makuilli Kalli at Johnson Senior High School.