

# Roseville Human Rights, Inclusion and Engagement Commission

## Agenda Item

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**DATE:** March 20, 2019

**ITEM:** 7A

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**ITEM DESCRIPTION:** Proclamation Discussion

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### Background

The Commission presented the package of proclamations to the City Council at the November 26, 2018 Council meeting. They asked the Commission to further review the format of the remaining proclamations. In particular, they asked that the proclamations include whether details on whether it was a nationally recognized month, and if so, who created the designated month/day/week, etc.

In addition, they felt that it would be beneficial to also include:

- any challenges people have faced,
- contributions of people being recognized (locally if possible),
- a sentence stating the city generally committing to improving or celebrating the lives or contributions
- any legislative actions surrounding the issue.

The Council did approve the proclamations for the month of January at their January 7 meeting.

Those include:

- Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Human Trafficking Awareness Month

Since January, the City Council has also approved the Black History Month and the Women's history month proclamations. Additionally, the Fair Housing Month and Days of Remembrance proclamations are scheduled for the March 25, 2019 Council meeting. The HRIEC is tentatively scheduled for the April 8, 2019 Council meeting to present the remaining proclamations for approval.

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Proclamation	Month	Status	Display Case Assigned
1. MLK Day	January	Approved by Council 01/07/2019	Eck
2. Human Trafficking	January	Approved by Council 01/07/2019	Peterson
3. Black History Month	February	Commission reviewed. Staff will bring forward to Council on 01/28/2019 for approval.	Djevi
4. Women's History Month	March	Reviewed. Recommendation: No updates. Sample proclamations included in packet.	Hassan
5. Days of Remembrance	April		Iverson
6. Fair Housing Month	April	Reviewed. Recommendation: No updates.	Bolinger
7. Asian & Pacific Islander Heritage Month	May		Djevi
8. Mental Health Awareness Month	May		Beltmann
9. Older Adults Month	May		Manke
10. LGBTQIA++ Month	June	Reviewed. Recommendation: Updates included in packet.	Bolinger
11. Americans with Disabilities Month	July	Reviewed. Recommendation: Updates included in packet.	Hansel
12. Constitution Week	September		Beltmann
13. Hispanic Heritage Month	September	Reviewed. Recommendation: (Staff) Updates included in packet.	Macomber
14. Indigenous People's Day	October		Eck

# **Roseville Human Rights, Inclusion and Engagement Commission**

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### **Recommendation**

Finalize proclamation language and develop a timeline to present to City Council.

### **Attachments**

Proclamations



## Days of Remembrance April 20\_\_

**Whereas:** The Holocaust was the state-sponsored, systemic persecution and annihilation of European Jewry by Nazi Germany and its collaborators between 1933 and 1945; and

**Whereas:** Six million Jews along with hundreds of thousands of Poles, Gypsies, people with handicaps, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses, prisoners of war and political dissidents suffered grievously and were murdered under Nazi tyranny; and

**Whereas:** The history of the Holocaust offers an opportunity to reflect on the moral responsibilities of individuals, societies and governments; and

**Whereas:** The Days of Remembrance have been set aside as a time for all to remember the victims of the Holocaust as well as to reflect on the need for respect of all people to strive to overcome intolerance and indifference through learning and remembrance; and

**Whereas:** The people of the City of Roseville remember the terrible events of the Holocaust and especially the deaths of more than a million children who were victims and remain vigilant against hatred, persecution and tyranny; and

**Whereas:** The people of Roseville are dedicated to the principles of individual freedom in a just society; and

**Whereas:** The Roseville community honors the memory of the victims, survivors, rescuers and liberators of the Holocaust.

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,** that the City Council hereby declares (Sunday before Yom Hashoah to Sunday after) 20\_\_, including the Day of Remembrance known as Yom Hashoah on \_\_\_\_\_, to be Days of Remembrance in the City of Roseville, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, U.S.A

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Roseville to be affixed this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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Mayor Daniel J. Roe



## Fair Housing Month April 20\_\_

**Whereas:** The month of April marks the anniversary of the passage of the Federal Fair Housing Law of 1968, recognizing that no American should have their right to purchase or rent shelter of choice abridged because of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, sexual orientation or gender identity

**Whereas:** Equality of opportunity for all is a fundamental policy of this nation and the City of Roseville; and

**Whereas:** The location that people live has a direct impact on the quality of their health, education and access to economic opportunities; and

**Whereas:** Discriminatory housing practices create racial and economic segregation in communities that can lead to disparate outcomes in overall quality of life; and

**Whereas:** Economic stability, community health, and human relations in all communities are improved by diversity and integration; and

**Whereas:** The City of Roseville is committed to promoting housing choices and fostering inclusive communities, free from housing discrimination; and

**Whereas:** The City Council establishes the City of Roseville as an inclusive community committed to fair housing by applying this to its housing programs and services; and promotes appropriate activities by private and public entities intended to provide or advocate for equal housing opportunities for all residents and prospective residents of Roseville;

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,** that the City Council hereby declare April to be Fair Housing Month in the City of Roseville, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, U.S.A

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Roseville to be affixed this \_\_ day of April 20\_\_

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## Asian/Pacific Islander Heritage Month May 20\_\_

**Whereas:** The City of Roseville is committed to recognizing and honoring the contributions of all members of our communities; and

**Whereas:** In 1977, Rep Frank Horton of New York introduced House Joint Resolution 540 to proclaim the first ten days in May as Pacific/Asian Pacific American Heritage Week. This first legislation did not pass; and

**Whereas:** In 1992, Congress passed Public Law 102-450 which annually designated May as Asian /Pacific American Heritage Month; and

**Whereas:** The Month of May was selected to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese to the United States on May 7, 1843 and to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869. The majority of the workers were Chinese Immigrants; and

**Whereas:** Japanese American troops fought for freedom from tyranny abroad in World War II while their families here at home were interned simply on the basis of their origin; and

**Whereas:** In 1965, the Immigration and Nationality Act opened new doors of opportunity to more Asian and Pacific Islander Immigrants; and

**Whereas:** The end of the Vietnam War brought new Vietnamese, Cambodian, Hmong and Laotian communities to the United States of America.

**Whereas:** There are over 20 million Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in the United States with over 260,000 of them calling Minnesota home; and

**Whereas:** A growing number of Roseville Residents are of Asian and Pacific Island descent. They contribute to the vibrant community of Roseville as business owners, teachers, scientists, artists and through their rich cultures.

**Whereas:** Despite all the progress, many Asian and Pacific Islanders continue to face persistent inequality and bigotry including barriers to equal access to education, employment, and healthcare. South Asian Americans, especially those who are Muslim, Hindu or Sikh—too often face senseless violence and harassment only due to the color of their skin or the tenets of their faith; and

**Whereas:** In 20--, Asian American and Pacific Island Heritage Month honors [Theme chosen by either Congress or AAPI Community in Roseville]; and

**Whereas:** The City of Roseville invites all members of the Roseville Community to renew their commitment to ensuring racial equality, understanding and justice and to participate in activities designed to advance the cause of freedom and equality for all.

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved** that the City Council hereby declare May 20— to be Asian American and Pacific Island Heritage Month in the City of Roseville, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, U.S.A.

**In Witness whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Roseville be affixed this \_\_, of May, 20\_\_.

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## Mental Health Awareness Month

**Whereas** Mental health is a part of overall health and helps to sustain an individual's thought processes, relationships, productivity and ability to adapt to change or face adversity. Mental illness adversely affects those abilities and often is life-threatening in nature. According to the Mental Health Alliance, 1 in 5 adults and children will experience a mental health condition in their lifetime.

**Whereas** It is important to maintain mental health and learn the symptoms of mental illness. Long delays—sometimes decades—often occur between the time symptoms first appear and when individuals get help. Early identification and treatment can make a difference in successful management of mental illness and recovery;

**Whereas** Every citizen and community can make a difference in helping end the silence and stigma that for too long has surrounded mental illness and discouraged people from getting help;

**Whereas** Public education and civic activities can encourage mental health and help improve the lives of individuals and families affected by mental illness;

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the City Council hereby declares the month of May, 20\_\_ to be Mental Health Awareness Month in the City of Roseville.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Roseville to be affixed this \_\_\_ day of May, 20\_\_.

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Mayor Daniel J. Roe



## Older Adults Month May 20\_\_

**Whereas:** Roseville is home to many residents aged 60 years and older; and

**Whereas:** Older adults in Roseville are the roots from which our community has grown, who bestow gifts of wisdom and insight upon younger generations and strengthen the bonds between neighbors to create a better place to live; and

**Whereas:** The City of Roseville recognizes and focuses on older adults taking charge of their health, getting engaged in their communities, and making positive impacts in the lives of others: and

**Whereas:** Older adults are productive, active and influential members of society, sharing essential talents, wisdom and life experiences with families, friends and neighbors; and

**Whereas:** Our community can provide that recognition and respect by enriching the quality of life for older adults by:

- Increasing opportunities to remain in their communities as active and engaged citizens;
- Providing services, technologies and support systems that allow older adults to foster and maintain connections within the community; and
- Emphasizing the value of older adults by publically recognizing their contributions to the diversity, strength and unity of our community.

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved** that the City Council hereby declare May 20\_\_ to be Older Adults Month in the City of Roseville, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, U.S.A.

**Be it Further Resolved** that we urge every citizen to honor our older adults and the professionals, family members and volunteers who care for them. Our recognition of older adults and their involvement in our lives can help us achieve stronger and more meaningful connections with each other and enrich our community's quality of life.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Roseville to be affixed this \_\_ day of May 20\_\_.

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Mayor Daniel J. Roe



## LGBTQQIA+ Pride Week June \_\_ - \_\_, 20\_\_

**Whereas:** The City of Roseville supports the vibrancy all bring to the community and honors their many contributions to the health of the city; and remains committed to treating all people with fairness and respect; and

**Whereas:** In 1993, Minnesota became the first state in the nation to outlaw both sexual orientation and gender discrimination in the field of employment, housing and public accommodations; and

**Whereas:** In 2013, the state of Minnesota legalized same-sex marriage; and

**Whereas:** Roseville continues the tradition for communities across America to recognize their LGBTQQIA+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Questioning, Intersex, Ally) residents during the month of June; and recognizes the + to symbolize the inclusion of all identities; and

**Whereas:** LGBTQQIA+ people, as the rainbow flag symbolizes, come from every group, religion, ethnicity, age, occupation, ability/disability, size and shape; and

**Whereas:** Members of the Roseville LGBTQQIA+ community have always served as valuable members of our country in every capacity as homeowners, taxpayers, members of the military, business owners, parents and employees; and

**Whereas:** LGBTQQIA+ residents have enriched the diverse community of Roseville through their participation in city government, the arts, religious and civil institutions, education and community organizations; and

**Whereas:** The City of Roseville believes that all people deserve to be protected from bullying, harassment, discrimination, and health disparities; and convey a clear message that intolerance is not welcome in our community,

**Whereas:** LGBTQQIA+ community allies, including the Roseville Area High School student groups, provide support and encouragement to Roseville youth with the assistance of School District staff and administration; and

**Whereas:** The City of Roseville recognizes the contributions that LGBTQQIA+ people and

their families make to our society and reaffirm our commitment to promoting full equality for every resident of our great city.

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved** that the City Council hereby declares June \_\_\_\_ to be LGBTQQIA+ Pride Week in the City of Roseville, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, U.S.A.

**In Witness Whereof**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Roseville to be affixed this \_\_\_\_ day of June 20 \_\_\_\_\_.

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Mayor Daniel J. Roe

**From:** [Monica Bolinger](#)  
**To:** [Rebecca Olson](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Agenda Items Due  
**Date:** Monday, January 7, 2019 1:21:43 PM

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Here are my updates for the Proclamations:

#### LGBTQQIA+

I couldn't find any federal legislation and state law varies. There is not a national ruling as of now, and I didn't find any other proclamation that lists any names specifically that contributed to the issue. Other requested items are present in the proclamation, like Roseville's commitment, groups challenges, and an ally in the High School student groups. I do recommend adding a paragraph at the very beginning:

"Whereas: In 1993, Minnesota became the first state in the U.S. to outlaw both sexual orientation and gender discrimination in the field of employment, housing, and public accommodations. In 2013, the state of Minnesota also legalized same-sex marriage.; and" Please edit/change wording as you deem fit, and remove a section if you think the proclamation is getting to long. I found the information on Wikipedia-LGBT rights in MN and verified by glancing at the MN Statutes.

#### Fair Housing

I did not change the proclamation since it already includes most of the requested items. It is a federal regulation/law, and no other federal or state proclamation I reviewed listed any specific person responsible for the law. The proclamation does not list specific challenges, but what the law is overcoming and addressing/eliminating disparities. It also lists the benefits to the community.

Monica

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## Americans with Disabilities July 26, 20\_\_

**Whereas:** The City of Roseville is committed to recognizing and honoring all members of our community; and

**Whereas:** For the past \_\_ years, the Americans with Disabilities Act has focused on ending discrimination against individuals with disabilities and promote full integration and participation in society; and

**Whereas:** Approximately 20 percent of Americans have a disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act, a number projected to increase as our society ages; and

**Whereas:** As a direct passage of the Americans with Disabilities Act, an increased number of children and adults with disabilities are living, playing, working and shopping alongside their neighbors; and

**Whereas:** Roseville is becoming inclusive and free of physical, communication and social barriers; and

**Whereas:** State and local government services are continually improving and providing increasingly accessible services and programs to Minnesotans with disabilities; and

**Whereas:** State and local governments, including Roseville, are beginning to understand the importance and reverence of providing accessible digital information and electronic services to Minnesotans with disabilities; and

**Whereas:** On the \_\_ anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we celebrate and recognize the progress that has been made, we acknowledge challenges still exist on our horizon, and we reaffirm our commitment to full equity and inclusion for all.

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,** that the City Council hereby declares July 26, 20\_\_ as the Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, in the City of Roseville, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, U.S.A

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Roseville to be affixed this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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Mayor Daniel J. Roe



## Constitution Week 20\_\_

**WHEREAS:** September 17, 20\_\_, marks the two hundred and thirty-\_\_ anniversary of the drafting of the Constitution of the United States of America by the Constitutional Convention; and

**WHEREAS:** It is fitting and proper to accord official recognition to this magnificent document and its memorable anniversary; and to the patriotic celebrations which will commemorate the occasion; and

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,** that the City Council hereby proclaim the week of September 17 through 23 to be Constitution Week with the observance on September 17, 2018 and urge all community members to join in recognizing Constitution Week to reaffirm the ideals the Framers of the Constitution had in 1787.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Roseville to be affixed this \_\_ day of \_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

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Mayor Daniel J. Roe



## Hispanic Heritage Month September 15 - October 15, 20\_\_

**Whereas:** The City of Roseville recognizes and honors contributions of all members of our community; and

**Whereas:** September 15 is the anniversary of independence for five Latin American countries: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua; and Mexico achieved independence on September 16; and Chile achieved independence on September 18; and

**Whereas:** In 1988, the United States Congress adopted a resolution designating September 15 to October 15 of each year as National Hispanic Heritage Month; and

**Whereas:** Hispanic Americans bring a rich cultural heritage representing many countries, ethnicities and religious traditions which contribute to America's future; and

**Whereas:** The Hispanic community has had a profound influence on our country through their strong commitment to family, faith, hard work, and services, and they have enhanced and shaped our national heritage with centuries old traditions that reflect the multiethnic and multicultural customs of their community; and

**Whereas:** Hispanic Americans have honorably defended our country in war and built prosperity during times of peace. They run successful businesses, teach our next generation of leaders, and pioneer scientific and technological breakthroughs; and

**Whereas:** During National Hispanic Heritage Month, the United States celebrates the culture and traditions of Spanish speaking residents who trace their roots to Spain, Mexico, Central America, South America and the Caribbean.

**Whereas:** The City of Roseville invites all members of the community to celebrate 20\_\_ Hispanic Heritage Month [Theme TBD];" and

**Now, Therefore Be It Resolved,** that the City Council hereby proclaim September 15 to October 15, 20\_\_ to be Hispanic Heritage Month in the City of Roseville, County of Ramsey, State of Minnesota, U.S.A

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Roseville to be affixed this eleventh day of September 20\_\_.



## Indigenous People's Day October \_\_, 20\_\_

**Whereas:** Since time immemorial, Indigenous nations have lived upon the land where our nation and City now stand; and

**Whereas:** Indigenous peoples have always made enduring contributions to all their communities through knowledge, experience, technology, science, arts, and culture; and

**Whereas:** American Indian people today face significant disparities that impact their safety, health, wellbeing, education, vitality, and cultural preservation, and the City of Roseville understands that in order to help combat these disparities, government entities, organizations, and other public institutions should change their policies and practices to better reflect the experiences of American Indian people and uplift our country's Indigenous roots, history, and contributions; and

**Whereas:** The idea of Indigenous Peoples Day was first proposed in 1977 by a delegation of Native nations to the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas; and

**Whereas:** In 1990 representatives from 120 Indigenous nations at the First Continental Conference on 500 Years of Indian Resistance unanimously passed a resolution to transform Columbus Day into an occasion to strengthen the process of continental unity and struggle towards liberation, and thereby use the occasion to reveal a more accurate historical record; and

**Whereas:** The Twin Cities community has a strong history of over four decades of American Indian activism, which the City celebrates and honors; and

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the City of Roseville shall recognize Indigenous Peoples Day on the second Monday in October.

**In Witness Whereof,** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Roseville to be affixed this \_\_ day of October 20\_\_.

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Mayor Daniel J. Roe