

**GOODHUE COUNTY  
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES (GCHHS)**



**REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION**

<b>Requested Board Date:</b>	September 20, 2022	<b>Staff Lead:</b>	Nina Arneson
<b>Consent Agenda:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>Attachments:</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Action Requested:</b>	The second Monday in October to be recognized as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Goodhue County.		

**BACKGROUND:**

The Goodhue County Health and Human Services (GCHHS) Equity Committee is respectfully requesting that the Goodhue County Board formally recognizes Indigenous Peoples' Day as the holiday on the 2nd Monday in October. We recognize that the County will be making this change to our holiday schedule, and we feel that a formal proclamation celebrating this change is in order.

Indigenous Peoples' Day provides an opportunity to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous People, and to celebrate the thriving culture and positive values that Indigenous Peoples of our region add to our county.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Goodhue County HHS Recommends Approval as Presented.





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**Goodhue County Board  
Indigenous Peoples' Day Proclamation  
October 2022**

**WHEREAS**, the Goodhue County Board recognizes that Goodhue County is built upon and shares the homelands of the Dakota People. These lands continue to hold great historical, spiritual, and personal significance to not only the Mdewakanton Band of eastern Dakota but to other Indigenous nationals that still hold an affirmation to this valued and treasured landscape that we all share and occupy to this date. Without the Dakota People's knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts, and deep cultural contribution, the building of the County and the County's character would not have been possible; and

**WHEREAS**, Goodhue County, has a responsibility to oppose systemic racism, discrimination and misunderstanding towards Indigenous People in Goodhue County; seeks to promote practices and policies that honor the State's Indigenous roots, history, and contributions; and is committed to meaningful and genuine government-to-government relationships with the Tribal Nations that share the county's geography; and

**WHEREAS**, Goodhue County, has a responsibility to oppose the systemic racism and misunderstanding towards Indigenous People in the United States, which perpetuates poverty and income inequality, and erodes access to health, education, and social stability; and

**WHEREAS**, Indigenous Peoples' Day was first proposed in 1977 at the United Nations-sponsored International Conference on Discrimination Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas by a delegation of Native Nations; and

**WHEREAS**, Goodhue County joins a growing number of government entities across the state that have recognized the second Monday of October as Indigenous Peoples' Day, in order to promote appreciation, tolerance, reconciliation, understanding, friendship, and continued partnerships among all of its people and the Indigenous Peoples of this land.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that The Goodhue County Board, does hereby proclaim the following:**

Indigenous Peoples' Day shall be an opportunity to reflect upon the ongoing struggles of Indigenous People, and to celebrate the thriving culture and positive values that Indigenous Peoples of our region add to our county.

**The second Monday in October shall be recognized exclusively as Indigenous Peoples' Day in Goodhue County.**

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Goodhue County Board Chair

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Date

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