

RESOLUTION NO. 7 OF 2013

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE
DAKOTA-U.S. WAR OF 1862 AND DECLARING 2012-2013 THE YEAR
OF THE DAKOTA IN REDWOOD FALLS

WHEREAS, the year 2012 is the sesquicentennial of the beginning of the Dakota-U.S. war of 1862 that led to the mass execution of 38+2 Dakota, the largest in the history of the United States, and the genocide of the Dakota people; and

WHEREAS, much has yet to be learned about issues revolving around land, reparations and restitution, treaties, genocide, suppression of American Indian Spirituality and Ceremonies, suppression on Indigenous languages, bounties, concentration camps, forced marches, mass executions, and forcible removals; and

WHEREAS, Indigenous women, children and elderly were held in a concentration camp at the base of Fort Snelling, separated from the men, before being exiled to reservations in neighboring states and Canada, and later being stripped of their culture and traditions in boarding schools and subjected to white culture and religions; and Whereas, the complete history of Minnesota must be taught from the perspective of all people that have lived it;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Redwood Falls, Minnesota:

That every effort must be made to ensure that the Dakota perspective is presented during the year 2012-2013, through discussions at forums, events, symposia, conferences and workshops, to include the complex issues listed above;


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Redwood Falls works to promote the well-being and growth of the American Indian Community, including Dakota People.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these efforts during the year 2012-2013 will mark the beginning of future dialogues and efforts to rectify the wrongs that were perpetrated during, and since, the year 1862, a tragic and traumatic event for the Dakota People of Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the year 2012-2013 is hereby designated "The Year of the Dakota: Remembering, Honoring, and Truth-Telling," from December 26, 2012 to December 26, 2013.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Redwood Falls, Minnesota this 15th day of January, 2013.

ATTEST:



Keith Muetzel
City Administrator



Gary B. Revier
Mayor

(City Seal)