

RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE MANKATO LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND GUIDE

WHEREAS, the City of Mankato is built upon Mni Sota Makoce the traditional homeland of the Dakota Nation and other Indigenous Peoples. The land holds significance as a cultural and spiritual place for the Dakota Peoples and connects to their vibrant cultures, traditions, and ways of life; and,

WHEREAS, this land was forcibly taken by the U.S. government and deliberate actions of generations that before suppressed Indigenous Peoples cultural and spiritual heritage. We also recognize the displacement and exile of the Dakota Peoples and the execution of 38+2 Dakota men; and,

WHEREAS, over the last 40+ years, the work of Indigenous and non-Indigenous People have made great strides toward healing, reconciliation efforts and partnerships, which include Reconciliation Park, Adoption of Indigenous Peoples Day, the Annual Mahkato Wacipi Pow Wow in Land of Memories Park honoring the 38+2 Dakota and the Dakota Wokiksuye Memorial Ride and Memorial Relay Run; and,

WHEREAS, the City of Mankato is committed to continuing authentic relationships with Indigenous Peoples and taking informed, ongoing action and will build the land acknowledgement into its work and organizational culture.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council for the City of Mankato that the City Council adopts the Mankato Land Acknowledgement and Mankato Land Acknowledgement Guide and encourages other community members, businesses, and groups to use Mankato's Land Acknowledgement Statement.

This resolution shall become effective upon its passage and without further publication. Dated this 8th day of August 2022.

Mayor Najwa Massad

ATTEST:

Renae Kopischke, City Clerk, MMC