



RESOLUTION

CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS - A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

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RECOGNIZING THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF DIA DE LA BATALLA DE PUEBLA, THE MEXICAN HOLIDAY OF CINCO DE MAYO

- Whereas: The Cinco de Mayo holiday commemorates May 5, 1862, which was the date that Mexicans were victorious over the French at the Battle of Puebla; and
- Whereas: The victory of Mexico over France at Puebla represented the strength, resiliency, and courage of Mexicans to defend their own community; and
- Whereas: Sacrifices made by Mexicans battling European forces were instrumental in keeping Mexico from falling under European domination; and
- Whereas: The Battle of Puebla was fought by Indigenous people who fought against one of the most powerful nations in the world; and
- Whereas: Cinco de Mayo represents the victory and survival of the Mexican population; and
- Whereas: One third of the United States belonged to Mexico, but before that acquisition, our ancestors freely crossed the Rio Grande when there was no border; and
- Whereas: The foundation of the United States was created by individuals from diverse countries and cultures willing to sacrifice their lives for freedom; and
- Whereas: The celebration of Cinco de Mayo provides an opportunity to celebrate and experience Mexican culture in the United States, to demonstrate cultural pride and to highlight the contributions and influence of language, culture and traditions by Mexicans and individuals of Mexican ancestry; and
- Whereas: Mexican Minnesotans make up the third largest cultural group in Minnesota, with 213,800 residents; and
- Whereas: Mexican culture, ingenuity, and traditions, including those that originated from Puebla, Mexico, are part of the social fabric of the city of Minneapolis; and
- Whereas: Plaza Mexico will be hosting its “5 de Mayo Festival” on Lake Street and Portland Ave South to Lake Street and 2nd Ave South on May 10, 2026, from 11AM–8PM;

—NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED—

That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Minneapolis do hereby recognize the historical significance of the Mexican holiday of Cinco de Mayo and the importance of the Mexican community in Minneapolis and Minnesota and encourage residents of the City of Minneapolis to observe Cinco de Mayo with appropriate ceremonies and activities and learn more about the rich history and culture of the Mexican community here in our city and state.

Passed this the Seventh Day of May 2026

Elliott Payne, President of the Council

Approved:

Jacob Frey, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Joe Carl, City Clerk