

Proclamation

Tibet Day - March 10, 2021

Whereas on March 10, 2021, Tibetans will gather in their host countries to commemorate the 62nd anniversary of the Tibetan National Uprising against the occupation of Tibet and to honor more than one million Tibetans who have died in this struggle; and

Whereas the occupation and ongoing suppression of human rights and freedom in Tibet leads to the loss of culture, religion and economic standing and should be a concern for all; and

Whereas such a loss is felt not only by Tibetan's Buddhists but also by people around the world including St. Louis Park, home to Wat Promwachirayan Buddhist Temple; and

Whereas Tibetan Buddhism and its spiritual leader in exile, His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, are recognized for their teaching on compassion, forgiveness and tolerance; and

Whereas the Tibetan American Foundation of Minnesota, founded in 1992, has more than 5,000 Tibetan community members – many of whom live in the City of St. Louis Park – and is committed to promoting and preserving the Tibetan culture, heritage and religion; and

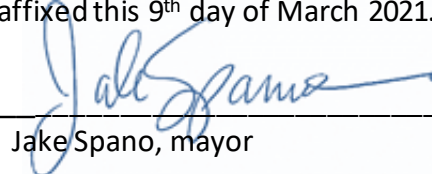
Whereas it is the responsibility of white people in our community to use their power and privilege to stand up for their neighbors; and

Whereas it is only fitting that we affirm the determination of the Tibetan people in Tibet and in exile to retain their heritage and to protect it through nonviolent and peaceful means.

Now, therefore be it resolved that I, Jake Spano, Mayor of the City of St. Louis Park, do hereby proclaim March 10, 2021, *Tibet Day* in the City of St. Louis Park.



Wherefore, I set my hand and cause the Great Seal of the City of St. Louis Park to be affixed this 9th day of March 2021.



Jake Spano, mayor