

City of Rochester



WHEREAS, Rochester is home to over 115,000 residents from all walks of life, with various backgrounds, cultures, needs, and circumstances; and

WHEREAS, Rochester, like every city in Minnesota, has been impacted by COVID-19, leaving many residents alone and without normal support systems; parents and teachers tasked with assuring their/our children receive the quality education they deserve in unconventional and unexpected means; business owners struggling to remain viable and open; workers unemployed, underemployed, or concerned about their employment; and

WHEREAS, we are America's City for Health that receives, with open arms, millions of patients and visitors who come here seeking hope and access to the world's best healthcare; and

WHEREAS, we are a Compassionate City by choice; and

WHEREAS, we have recently been identified as an Intercultural City and a Welcoming City in recognition of this history of caring for our neighbors, our families, as well as the visitors who come here; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor is encouraging community leaders in the private and public sectors to double down on their watchful care for others during this especially stressful time and has received a heartwarming response already by area churches and neighborhoods;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Kim Norton, Mayor of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim October 16th-25th, 2020 be designated as

Rochester Community Spirit Days

and calls upon all residents and businesses to join the effort to show love and care and compassion in special ways during this week in particular, and broaden the spirit of caring in daily actions every week throughout the year so that Rochester, Minnesota can remain a welcoming, caring, and compassionate community even in these difficult times.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the corporate seal of the City of Rochester to be affixed this 5th day of October, 2020.

Kim Norton, Mayor
City of Rochester, Minnesota