

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-19

**A RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE DISPLAY OF THE FORMER MINNESOTA
STATE FLAG IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS AND
AUTHORIZING ITS USE AT CITY FACILITIES**

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota established a State Emblems Redesign Commission in 2023 to develop a new state flag, which became effective May 11, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the prior Minnesota state flag, with origins dating to 1893 and subsequent modifications in 1957 and 1983, served as the official flag of the State for many decades and remains widely recognized by residents; and

WHEREAS, municipalities are not required by law to display a state flag at city facilities, and the display of flags is a matter of local policy and discretion; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that public opinion regarding the redesign of the state flag varies, and finds that continued use of the former flag reflects continuity and historical recognition for many residents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SPRING LAKE PARK, MINNESOTA:

1. The Minnesota state flag displayed in the City Council Chambers shall be the version in use prior to the 2024 redesign (commonly referred to as the 1983 version of the Minnesota state flag).
2. The City may display the former Minnesota state flag at other City facilities or properties where the City determines it is appropriate to display a state flag.

The foregoing resolution was moved for adoption by

Upon roll call, the following voted aye:

And the following voted nay:

Whereupon the Mayor declared said resolution duly passed and adopted this ____th day of _____ 2026.

Robert Nelson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Daniel R. Buchholtz, Administrator, Clerk/Treasurer