



The City of Minneapolis

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A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR & CITY COUNCIL

**By Cano, Reich, Gordon, Frey, B. Johnson, Yang, Warsame,
Goodman, Glidden, Bender, Quincy, A. Johnson, Palmisano**

Recognizing the first Saturday in August as Zapata Day.

WHEREAS, Emiliano Zapata Salazar, born to an Indigenous and Spanish family in Anenecuilco, Morelos, Mexico, in 1879, is recognized as a national hero of the Mexican Revolution which lasted from 1910 to 1920; and

WHEREAS, Zapata captured the hearts and minds of the Mexican people who lived in severe poverty and under the repression of the military dictator Porfirio Diaz who for more than three decades ruled the country; and

WHEREAS, Zapata himself was a farmer who fought for social justice and land reform coining the famous phrase “the land belongs to those who till it;” and

WHEREAS, Minneapolis has become home to hundreds of people from the state of Morelos, with the highest number coming from the city of Axochiapan; and

WHEREAS, Cuernavaca, the Capitol of Morelos, became a sister city to Minneapolis in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Plaza Centenario located on East Lake Street and 12th Avenue houses a bronze sculpture of Emiliano Zapata’s iconic image, which was a gift from the state of Morelos and ushered to Minneapolis by the Club Cuernavaca-Axochiapan-Morelos and our Cuernavaca Sister City Committee; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of Plaza Centenario in Minneapolis’s largest Latino community provides an opportunity for all residents to learn about the history and importance of Emiliano Zapata, celebrating the relationship between Mexico and the U.S. generally and Minneapolis and Morelos specifically; and

WHEREAS, on Saturday, August 6, 2016, Mr. Isaías Manuel Manrique Zapata, who is a descendant of and grandson to Emiliano Zapata will come to Minneapolis to celebrate what would have been Emiliano Zapata’s 137th birth year with a community celebration at Plaza Centenario;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by The City Council of The City of Minneapolis:

That the first Saturday in August 2016 shall be known as Emiliano Zapata Day.

Passed, this August 5th ,2016

Barbara Johnson, President of the Council

Approved:

Betsy Hodges, Mayor

Attest:

Casey Carl, City Clerk