

CITY OF CALEDONIA, MINNESOTA

RESOLUTION 2024-03

A RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO REDESIGNING THE STATE FLAG AND SEAL

WHEREAS, The 2023 Legislature created a State Emblems Redesign Commission in the Laws of Minnesota, Chapter 62, Article 2, Section 118 the purpose of which is to redesign the official state flag and official state seal, and

WHEREAS, the Redesign Commission was charged with bringing recommendations on the redesign to the Legislature by no later than January 1, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the official seal of the State of Minnesota has remained unchanged since 1858; the current official state flag was created in 1957 with minor modifications done in 1983, and

WHEREAS, the official state flag and seal are not only symbols of our state, but also of our history and both the current official state flag and official state seal contain historical information on our farming background, Native American heritage and the co-existence that is part of the rich history of our state, and

WHEREAS, there is substantial public cost associated with making this change that does not advance the public interest, including every officer badge, flags, official seal, and courtrooms across the state at substantial public expense, and

WHEREAS, the public reaction to the proposed designs has thus far been overwhelmingly negative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Caledonia City Council hereby urges our legislative delegation and the Governor to reject the work of the State Emblems Redesign Commission

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Caledonia City Council hereby urges our legislative delegation and the Governor to retain the existing state seal and state flag as the official emblems for the State of Minnesota

ADOPTED by the Caledonia City Council this twenty second day of January, 2024



DeWayne "Tank" Schroeder, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jake Dickson, Clerk/Administrator