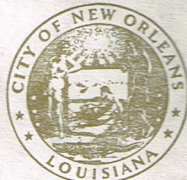


Proclamation



THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS

CITY HALL: August 27, 2005

WHEREAS, Chief Arvol Looking Horse, 19th Generation Keeper of the Sacred White Buffalo Calf Pipe of the Lakota, Dakota, and Nakota People of the Great Sioux Nation and honorary citizen of his beloved New Orleans, first city to officially recognize the birth of the White Buffalo, upon hearing of the passing of his friend, Chief of Chiefs Allison "Tootie" Montana, did request a Lakota ceremony be done to honor Chief Tootie; and

WHEREAS, in Lakota Way, a chair is set for the Chief, with a blanket and his picture on it, and the Spirit of the Chief is recognized and welcomed as the people gather around his chair and sing his song; and

WHEREAS, as these words are being read, his chair, blanket, and pictures sit at the spot in this council chamber where he fell; and

WHEREAS, in Lakota Way, for the Chief, the love of his people is his path in both worlds; and

WHEREAS, Chief of Chiefs Allison "Tootie" Montana did walk in the Spirit world while still in this one and stated on many occasions it was the Spirit that carried him in both creating his suit and wearing it on Mardi Gras Day; and

WHEREAS, when the master asked, "When I was hungry, did you give me to eat?" we say of this man, in a generation of violence, poverty, and oppression, when his people cried out in hunger for beauty, joy, laughter, and peace with dignity for over 50 years, Allison "Tootie" Montana was an annual feast; now therefore

At the request of Councilmember Jacquelyn Brechtel Clarkson

BE IT PROCLAIMED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW ORLEANS, that this council recognizes:

August 27, 2005

As

The 11th Annual White Buffalo Day

And joins

Chief Arvol Looking Horse

And

The People of New Orleans

In

**Welcoming the Spirit of Chief Allison "Tootie" Montana
As a Guide and Council for the People**

Handwritten signature of Oliver M. Thomas, Jr. in blue ink.

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Handwritten signature of Eddie L. Sapir in blue ink.

Eddie L. Sapir