
 DATE

 SCOTT COUNTY AUDITOR

RESOLUTION

SCOTT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

APRIL 1, 2010

PROCLAIMING May 1st and 2nd, 2010 as Sauk and Meswaki Days in Scott County

WHEREAS, the Black Hawk State Historic Site in Rock Island lies adjacent to the historic site of the city of Saukenuk, home of the Sauk and Meskwaki Nations and birthplace of the famous Sauk Warrior, Black Hawk; and

WHEREAS, the settlement of Saukenuk was at one time comprised of nearly 5000 people, making it one of the largest Native American settlements in the United States and the largest city in the State of Illinois and;

WHEREAS, for nearly 100 years beginning around 1740 the Sauk and Meskwaki people called this area home and their principal dwelling place of protection, worship, and daily living; and

WHEREAS, beginning in 1829 the city of Saukenuk began being occupied by white settlers whose encroachments led to conflicts culminating in the Black Hawk War in 1832; this represented the last conflict that Native Americans fought for their homelands east of the Mississippi River; and

WHEREAS, Black Hawk State Historic Site was set aside as a place of lasting remembrance of the historic events that occurred during the Native American occupation of this site, as the result of efforts led primarily by John Hauberg who visualized the area as a memorial to the Sauk and Meskwaki and particularly to Black Hawk, who fought for his people and the land he loved; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the descendants of the Native Americans who formerly occupied this land should be welcomed home for an event to honor their ancestry;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY the Scott County Board of Supervisors as follows:

- Section 1. That the Board of Supervisors does hereby proclaim Saturday and Sunday, May 1st and 2nd, 2010 as Sauk and Meswaki Days in Scott County, and
- Section 2. To encourage all of our citizens to join in welcoming representatives of these two historic tribal nations to the Quad Cities for this special event at Black hawk State Historic Site.
- Section 3. This resolution shall take effect immediately.