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[Duluth, MN] Mayor Emily Larson will nominate Rebecca St. George as Duluth City Attorney. St. George has served as the staff attorney to the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa for the past six and a half years. A resolution to appoint St. George will be presented to the City Council at tonight's City Council agenda session and be voted on at the City Council meeting on Monday, June 22.

St. George is known nationally for her work as a legal and public policy advocate in addressing domestic and sexual violence against Native American women. St. George has written and published groundbreaking work, including an award-winning seminar entitled "Duluth's Safety and Accountability Audit" for which the Duluth Police Department received an award from the International Association of Chiefs of Police, for changes suggested within the criminal justice system. She also currently serves on the 6th Judicial District's Equal Justice Committee, and the state-wide Criminal Sexual Conduct Statutory Reform Steering Committee.

"I am thrilled Rebecca will lead our legal team. She shares a vision for efficient, proactive legal engagement and sees law as a critical means to stabilize communities, and innovate systems, while protecting people and seeking justice. Mayor Emily Larson said. "Rebecca brings a steady and intentional deliberation to her work and knows how to build and lead dynamic teams around a shared vision."

"I'm very excited to serve the City of Duluth in the capacity of City Attorney," Rebecca St. George said. "This time in history is a particularly poignant one, and I believe that our local government and our legal community are in a perfect position to ensure movement that will benefit all Duluthians. I am thrilled to have the opportunity to be in a position to substantively support that movement."

St. George went on to say, "My family roots in this community go back centuries. I sincerely hope that the work that I do for Duluth will make my ancestors pleased."

"The City Attorney position is an important one within our organization crucial to the City's operations," Noah Schuchman, Chief Administrative Officer said. "Rebecca understands legal practice from all angles, both as an attorney and as an advocate. Her ability to advocate and create change for the benefit of our community was clear throughout the hiring process. I look forward to working with her."

St. George is a member of the KwePack running group and is a proud Duluth Hillside resident. She has two children - Lily, who will be a senior at East High next year, and Jack, who will be a sophomore at Amherst College in Massachusetts next year. St. George is a descendent of the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and of the White Earth Nation.

Pending Council approval on Monday, St. George will be formally introduced to the media and the public at the City's weekly virtual press conference on Wednesday, June 24.

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Rebecca St. George