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WHEREAS, The manufacturing industry is critically important to the state and local economy and a key component of an innovative and thriving ecosystem necessary for Ramsey County's current and future economic success; and

WHEREAS, Manufacturing contributed \$57.2 billion to Minnesota's economy in 2023, representing 12% of the state's gross domestic product and \$5.5 billion in Ramsey County; and

WHEREAS, Workers took home \$25.7 billion in wages from Minnesota manufacturing jobs in 2023, the second-largest total payroll among private sector industries; and

WHEREAS, Manufacturing in Minnesota pays an average annual wage of \$79,000 and over \$95,000 in Ramsey County, which is 10% higher than the state's overall average private sector wage; and

WHEREAS, Manufacturing provides nearly 29,000 highly skilled, well-paying jobs in Ramsey County, which significantly contributes to high standards of living and economic vitality; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota expects more than 93,000 job openings for manufacturing production positions through 2032, with nearly 24,000 new workers needed in Ramsey County alone to meet local demand; and

WHEREAS, There are roughly 8,625 manufacturing companies in Minnesota and 650 in Ramsey County, making a wide range of products that improves life, creates solutions and brings joy to Minnesota and around the world; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby proclaim the month of October 2024 as Manufacturing Month in Ramsey County; and Be It Further

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners encourages all residents to honor and celebrate the contributions of the manufacturing industry and all manufacturing workers in Ramsey County for producing essential goods, supporting supply chains, and ensuring the availability of critical products to help communities and society function safely and efficiently; and Be It Further

PROCLAIMED, In recognition of Innovize's outstanding contributions to Ramsey County's economy and commitment to making Ramsey County a better place to live and work, with the appreciation and respect of the Ramsey County Commissioners and residents, this proclamation is hereby presented to Innovize.

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