

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The month of May is Asian American and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month, dedicated to the recognition and celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander history, cultures, contributions; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County has the second largest population of Asian American and Pacific Islanders with about 80,000 of them calling Ramsey County home; and

WHEREAS, According to Ramsey County's most recent workforce statistics report, 12% of Ramsey County employees identify as Asian American and Pacific Islander and contribute greatly to the rich social fabric of our community; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Asian American and Pacific Islander community's long and deeply rooted legacy reminds us of both proud and painful chapters of our journey – from fleeing tyranny and persecution to surviving and thriving despite the odds; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic and civil unrest highlighted pervasive racism, violence, discrimination and xenophobia towards Asian American and Pacific Islanders; and

WHEREAS, We honor the irreplaceable roles of Asian American and Pacific Islanders in Ramsey County – they have played a pivotal role and made valuable economic and social contributions to Ramsey County as workers, business owners and community members, and they have contributed more than their numbers suggest; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners declares May 2021 as Asian American and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month in order to celebrate and amplify Asian joy, support Asian businesses, protect Asian communities and recognize Asian accomplishments so that the cultures, histories, and stories of this community are seen and heard; and Be It Further

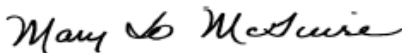
PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners encourages all residents in the community to honor and celebrate our rich collective history by recognizing the contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islanders to Ramsey County.



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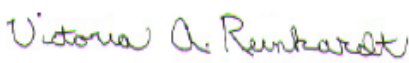
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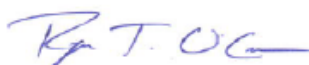
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