

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, Mary Sue Hansen has served as the Executive Director of the Suburban Ramsey Family Collaborative (SRFC) for over 26 years, demonstrating unwavering dedication to the well-being of children, youth, and families in Ramsey County; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership, SRFC has developed, overseen, and implemented a comprehensive prevention and early intervention system of care, addressing the needs of those experiencing challenging circumstances in health, education, and family stability; and

WHEREAS, Mary Sue's stewardship has led to increased formal and informal resources for children, youth, and families, cultivating intergenerational, cross-cultural, and interdisciplinary partnerships and programs; and

WHEREAS, During the COVID pandemic, Mary Sue and the SRFC team developed two sizable resource guides to support residents, used by hundreds of practitioners in the community, and hosted many online resource fairs to connect families directly to supports and programs; and

WHEREAS, Mary Sue Hansen has been recognized for her exceptional contributions with the prestigious 2020 Vern Vick Memorial Award, honoring her efforts in supporting and empowering Ramsey County's youth through personal, academic, and career development; and

WHEREAS, Mary Sue Hansen has been instrumental in fostering cross-cultural relationships and community engagement through her work with Marnita's Table, creating inclusive social interactions, and supporting youth-led initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Under her leadership, SRFC has convened over 90 Intentional Social Interactions (IZIs) involving more than 10,000 people and trained over 1,000 partners in the IZI model, promoting the idea of "nothing about us without us"; and

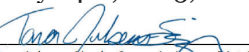
WHEREAS, Mary Sue Hansen has been a driving force in SRFC's equity work, ensuring all children and families have access to the resources and support they need to thrive, and in 2024 alone, 3,950 children, youth, families, and community members were served through SRFC-Funded Initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Mary Sue has been one of the most hardworking, brilliant, compassionate, respectful and respected leaders that the community has seen, tirelessly working to create a deep community of human service professionals who support residents and staff, facilitating new partnerships and programs; and

WHEREAS, Her commitment to cultivating community partnerships and innovative approaches to addressing social issues have made a lasting impact on the lives of many individuals and families in the community; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, In recognition and honor of Mary Sue Hansen's outstanding service and dedication to the Suburban Ramsey Family Collaborative and the community of Ramsey County, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners declares January 14th, 2025, as Mary Sue Hansen Day in Ramsey County.

  
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