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**Sponsor:** Sheriff's Office

**Meeting Date:** 2/10/2026

**Title:** Joint Powers Agreement with Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for Participation in the Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force

**File Number:** 2026-051

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**Background and Rationale:**

The Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, operates the Minnesota Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force (MNHITF). MNHITF investigates human trafficking crimes committed by organized groups or individuals related to child sexual exploitation, sex trafficking, and labor trafficking. MNHITF also works to educate law enforcement officers and the community about human trafficking.

Since 2019, the Ramsey County Sheriff's Office has been an affiliate member, which permits the reimbursed for case specific overtime on a case-by-case basis. Participation with the MNHITF allows the Sheriff's Office to work with state and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies to identify incidents of human trafficking and apprehend and aid in the prosecution of those who commit such crimes.

A joint powers agreement (JPA), as authorized under Minnesota Statutes § 471.59, is required for participation. The term of the agreement is five (5) years from the date of full execution.

The Ramsey County Attorney's Office has reviewed and approved this JPA.

**Recommendation:**

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Approve the Joint Powers Agreement with the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, 1430 Maryland Street East, Saint Paul, MN 55106 for participation in the Human Trafficking Investigators Task Force upon execution through five years from the fully executed agreement.
2. Authorize the Chair and Chief Clerk to execute the Joint Powers Agreement.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner Xiong, seconded by Commissioner McMurtrey. Motion passed.

Aye: - 7: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Moran, Ortega, and Xiong

By:   
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Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board