

Proclamation

WHEREAS, May is Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month with the first recorded Asian immigrant arriving in Ramsey County in 1875; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota's AANHPI population has grown to include (but is not limited to) Asian Indian, Burmese, Chinese, Cambodian, Filipino, Hmong, Japanese, Karen, Korean, Lao, Native Hawaiian, Thai and Vietnamese ancestry or ethnic origin; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County is committed to creating a vibrant community where all Minnesotans are valued, belong, and thrive; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County is committed to advancing racial equity and ending racism in systems and institutions that have created unfair disparities; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County acknowledges, celebrates, and honors the rich histories, languages, cultures, and contributions of the AANHPI community in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners recognizes the Ramsey County Employee Resource Group: Asian Descent Network, and particularly those individuals, families, and businesses who have been impacted by the aggressive tactics used by the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of leveraging the county's collective power and resilience in order to protect the well-being of its residents; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners affirms its commitment to ensuring that all Minnesotans have value, belong, and thrive; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners sees, hears, and values the AANHPI community in Ramsey County and greater Minnesota; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners declares May 26, 2026, as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month in Ramsey County.