

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Chuck Wettergren has dedicated over 47 years of exemplary service to Ramsey County Library since 1977, committing a distinguished career to the advancement of Library services, digital access and technology to improve the lives of the community; and

WHEREAS, Chuck started as a library page in 1977, promoting through the ranks as a library clerk, management information specialist, automated information systems coordinator, management analyst 4, computer project analyst, and finally serving as the digital services manager, earning a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, Chuck has been a champion of digital equity and has committed his career to computer and internet access, digital literacy and support, partnering with local school districts to provide library cards and resources to students; and

WHEREAS, Chuck has stewarded library technology innovation since 1986, increasing library efficiency and working towards digital inclusion for all community members, including Ramsey County Library's implementation of free Wi-Fi access in 2006, fiber connections, print management services, in addition to expanding voice-over internet protocol (VOIP) in 2010, increasing access to telecommunications and faxing, an ongoing demand in response to community member requests, amongst other new technologies; and

WHEREAS, Chuck has led library technology and services in all seven Ramsey County Libraries of Maplewood, Mounds View, New Brighton, North Saint Paul, Roseville, Shoreview, and White Bear Lake, including maintaining public and staff terminals, all telecommunications, integrated library systems, networks, library business applications, digital signage, security cameras, AMH technology, RFID technology, web services, and self-check outs, playing an instrumental role providing technology support through the COVID pandemic and remodeling programs including take-down, set up, anticipating future technology and digital needs of all library users; and

WHEREAS, Chuck has been a strong advocate for the public, committing Ramsey County Library to the highest degree of ethics for data and patron privacy, implementing procedures, and carefully stewarding Library funds to strategically allocate resources; and

WHEREAS, Chuck was recognized with the 2001 Ramsey County Outstanding Achievement Award for leading Ramsey County Library through the integrated library system upgrade; and

WHEREAS, Chuck is described by direct reports and colleagues as a proactive, approachable, and reliable mentor, an adaptable project manager who is not afraid to engage in challenging tasks sometimes requiring elbow grease, with strong negotiation skills balancing conflicting priorities, and ability to develop rich and nurturing relationships, all while demonstrating tasteful levity; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners honors and celebrates Chuck Wettergren for his exemplary service, outstanding achievements and enduring contributions, and wish him a fulfilling retirement filled with joy, relaxation, and fun adventures.



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