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**Sponsor:** Parks & Recreation

**Meeting Date:** 5/6/2025

**Title:** Resolution to Support Proposed Art Project Application

**File Number:** 2025-106

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**Background and Rationale:**

The Parks and Recreation department (Parks) was approached by artists Aleya Berry and Layla Nerayo to paint a mural in Keller Regional Park under Highway 61 along the trail. This location is owned by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) and needs local approval to paint the mural, including a resolution from the board to approve the artwork. Further details and a concept design of the artwork are included in the application and the artist's statement. A trail for Keller Regional Park goes under Highway 61 between Roselawn & County Road B in Maplewood at this location: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/tQGas5XA4sdwec8VA>. The mural would be 20 feet tall by 50 feet wide centered on the angled section of pavers north of the trail.

Keller Regional Park is an important park to the local neighborhood and as a regional park, it serves a regional audience. The park has seven park shelters that host many events and gatherings for the community, as well as opportunities for fishing, hiking, and biking. An archery range is located nearby, as well as a brand-new court for Tuj Lub (Hmong top spinning game) set to open in May 2025, and the courts and associated picnic shelter will feature art by local artist Kao Lee. This is the perfect opportunity to expand the reach of art in the park, as a way of welcoming and creating a sense of belonging for underserved communities.

**Recommendation:**

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Affirm support for the proposed public art project at Keller Regional Park submitted to Minnesota Department of Transportation Art for the Trunk Highway Program.
2. Authorize the Chief Clerk to execute the Minnesota Department of Transportation supporting resolution.
3. Authorize the Ramsey County Manager to enter into agreements and execute amendments to agreements in accordance with the county's procurement policies and procedures, provided the amounts are within the limits of the grant funding.

A motion to approve was made by Commissioner McGuire, seconded by Commissioner Miller.

Motion passed.

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

By: \_\_\_\_\_



Jason Yang, Interim Chief Clerk - County  
Board