

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month celebrates and honors the histories, languages, cultures, and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI): in Minnesota this consists of but 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, We recognize that AAPI members have been subjected to systemic and institutional discriminations, and injustices and acknowledge that data disaggregation among Asian ethnicities is critical in serving and honoring all AAPI members, and ensuring they are not treated as a monolith; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners stand with the Ramsey County Asian Descent Network (ADN) to advance leaders in the AAPI communities through opportunities and to recognize trailblazers who made contributions to our community's economic, social, and cultural affluence; and

WHEREAS, In Minnesota there are many community organizations, nonprofits, businesses, and social services that serve, promote, and celebrate the different Asian ancestries and ethnicities; and

WHEREAS, ADN highlights the following organizations that have made tremendous contributions to the Ramsey County community: Theater Mu (a theater producing performances to celebrate and empower Asian American experiences); Asian Media Access (a nonprofit using multimedia arts and technology as tools for social betterment); Asian Economic Development Association (a nonprofit supporting Asian small businesses and advocating business opportunities); Asian Women United (a nonprofit providing culturally competent services and safe place for AAPI women and children experiencing domestic violence); and Vietnamese Social Services (a nonprofit providing services to refugees and immigrants from Southeast Asia); Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners declares the month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month to celebrate Asian arts, social services, and businesses, and recognize Asian accomplishments so that the cultures, histories, and stories of these communities are seen and heard; and Be It Further

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners declares May 2024 as Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and encourages all residents in the community to honor and celebrate our rich collective history by recognizing the contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islanders to Ramsey County.



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