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**Sponsor:** Emergency Management & Homeland Security

**Meeting Date:** 8/5/2025

**Title:** Declaration of Local State of Emergency Due to City of Saint Paul Digital Security Incident

**File Number:** 2025-302

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**Background and Rationale:**

The city of Saint Paul declared a state of Local Emergency on July 29, 2025, as a result of a digital security incident in the city of Saint Paul after the city's cybersecurity protection systems detected suspicious activity on the city's network and determined the suspicious activity was a digital attack ("the Digital Security Incident"). Currently, Ramsey County's information systems remain unaffected by the Digital Security Incident. Ramsey County Board Chair Rafael Ortega declared a Local State of Emergency effective for 72 hours beginning August 2, 2025. Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 12.29, the county declares a Local State of Emergency to take immediate action in support of the city of Saint Paul. This declaration is critical in order to support Ramsey County's ability to act swiftly to protect public services and strengthen recovery efforts.

**Recommendation:**

The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners resolved to:

1. Under the authority given in Minnesota Statutes 12.29, declare Ramsey County to be in a Local State of Emergency effective July 29, 2025, due to the ongoing and expected response to the digital security incident in the city of Saint Paul.
2. Authorize the County Manager to declare that this Local State of Emergency will end at such time as the County Manager determines, acting on the advice of the Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security, and subject matter experts. The County Manager must notify the Chair of the Ramsey County Board within 24 hours that it is determined that the State of Emergency is no longer warranted.
3. Authorize the County Manager and Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security to coordinate such actions and request such state and/or federal assistance as needed to protect lives and public and private property in Ramsey County and the recovery of the county to the extent practicable and allowed by law, ordinance, and Charter.
4. Direct the Chief Clerk to give prompt and general publicity of the declaration and any termination of the Local State of Emergency and that it be filed promptly by the Chief Clerk.

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

Aye: - 6: Jebens-Singh, McGuire, McMurtrey, Miller, Ortega, and Xiong

Excused: - 1: Moran

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



Jason Yang, Chief Clerk - County Board