

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The area within Ramsey County is located on American Indian ancestral and contemporary land that was and continues to be home to American Indian people; and

WHEREAS, The original homelands of American Indian people within the county existed since time immemorial, and Ramsey County acknowledges the contributions of American Indian people prior to its formation; and

WHEREAS, The American Indian community has historically been left out of conversations involving relatives where their advocacy was not properly handled or heard; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County recognizes the mass displacement of American Indian children from their relatives and communities due to the bias of government systems across the nation that have a history of practicing elimination techniques to dismantle the American Indian race within America; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County benefits when it partners with community members and tribal nations on issues affecting American Indian communities; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County partnered with the American Indian community to hire two American Indian women in 2021 who have a passion to lead its Indian Child Welfare Unit with the goal of creating a strong partnership with the American Indian community; and

WHEREAS, This partnership with community will result in culturally specific services that minimize and eliminate systemic racism and discrimination against American Indian families directly involved with the Child Protection system; and

WHEREAS, Native American Heritage Month is a time to educate the broader public of American Indian past and present experiences involving colonization, genocide, violence, oppression, and relocation; to begin the truth and reconciliation process involving American Indian people who suffered colonization; and to celebrate American Indian culture, history, resilience, and contributions to the overall Ramsey County community; and

WHEREAS, During Native American Heritage Month, Ramsey County recognizes the American Indian community in their strength, resilience, tribal sovereignty, and advocacy while committing to serve the American Indian population who reside within Ramsey County; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners recognizes November 2021 as Native American Heritage Month in Ramsey County; and Be It Further

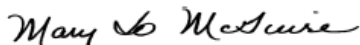
PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners encourages all residents of the county to join in recognizing and celebrating the contributions and the important presence of the American Indian communities in Ramsey County.



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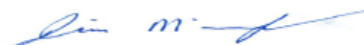
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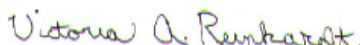
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