

Proclamation

WHEREAS, February is nationally recognized as Black History Month, an observance first championed by historian Carter G. Woodson to honor Black history, culture, and enduring contributions and to affirm that understanding history is essential to building a more just future; and

WHEREAS, This year marks 100 Years of Greatness, recognizing a century of Black leadership, resilience, creativity, and achievement that has advanced civil rights, strengthened labor movements, expanded opportunity, and shaped the social, cultural, and civic life of communities across the nation; and

WHEREAS, Black residents, leaders, and employees have long contributed to the strength and vitality of Ramsey County as public servants, educators, entrepreneurs, health professionals, artists, faith leaders, veterans, and advocates; and

WHEREAS, Walker West Music Academy, located in the historic Rondo neighborhood, has for decades provided high-quality music education rooted in the Black American music tradition, cultivating artistic excellence, leadership, and community while preserving and advancing a cultural legacy central to the history of Black Americans in Ramsey County; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners affirms a clear and ongoing commitment to preserving, teaching, and honoring Black history, and to ensuring that the experiences, contributions, and truths of Black communities are not erased, minimized, or forgotten; and

WHEREAS, Honoring Black history requires sustained commitment beyond a single month through learning, partnership, and action that expands opportunity, strengthens understanding, and improves outcomes for all residents; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, that the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby recognizes February as Black History Month and celebrates 100 Years of Greatness; and Be It Further

PROCLAIMED, that the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners reaffirms a commitment to uplifting Black voices and leadership, preserving Black history, and continuing work that strengthens communities and advances equity across Ramsey County; and Be It Finally

PROCLAIMED, that remembering and honoring Black history is essential to the shared future Ramsey County is building.



Rafael Ortega, Board Chair, District 5



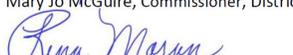
Tara Jebens-Singh, Commissioner, District 1



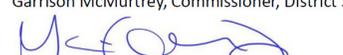
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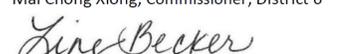
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Mai Chong Xiong, Commissioner, District 6



Kelly Miller, Commissioner, District 7



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