

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The National Association of Counties (NACo) represents 3,069 county governments and 42 county equivalents serving more than 330 million Americans and providing essential services that help create healthy, safe and vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, Since 1991, NACo has encouraged counties across the nation to celebrate National County Government Month each April to raise awareness of the important role counties play in residents' daily lives; and

WHEREAS, Through NACo's "We Are Counties" initiative, counties across the country are highlighting how county governments connect communities, deliver critical services and improve residents' quality of life; and

WHEREAS, Counties serve as an essential bridge between federal, state and local governments, ensuring programs and resources reach residents effectively at the community level; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County employees provide vital services that residents rely on every day, including maintaining 293 miles of county roads, 67 bridges, more than 30,000 traffic signs, 10,000 drainage structures and over 360 traffic signals to support safe transportation across the county; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County's Emergency Communications Center is the largest 911 center in Minnesota, handling nearly one million emergency and non-emergency calls and texts annually to support public safety and emergency response; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Elections ensures access to fair and secure elections, administering elections across 148 polling locations and early vote sites with the support of more than 1,200 election judges; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Library provides essential educational and community resources, welcoming more than 1.4 million in-person visitors and over 10 million online visitors annually; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Service Centers supported 65,360 residents in 2025, connecting community members to essential services across all service locations and demonstrating the county's commitment to accessible, community-based services; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County remains committed to its vision of a vibrant community where all are valued and thrive, working together through the One Ramsey County approach to strengthen partnerships, deliver effective services and improve quality of life for all residents; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby declares April 2026 as National County Government Month in Ramsey County; and, Be It Further

PROCLAIMED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners encourages residents, schools, county officials and employees to learn more about county government and recognize the essential services counties provide to communities every day; and, Be It Further

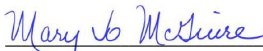
PROCLAIMED, That the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners extends its appreciation to the dedicated Ramsey County employees whose commitment, expertise and public service help strengthen the community and demonstrate that We Are Counties.



Rafael Ortega, Board Chair, District 5



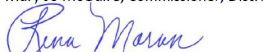
Tara Jebens-Singh, Commissioner, District 1



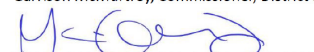
Mary Jo McGuire, Commissioner, District 2



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