

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, and Two Spirit (LGBTQ2S) communities of Ramsey County are an important and vital part of our cities and neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County is a welcoming community that recognizes the importance of inclusion, equality and freedom; and

WHEREAS, The nation was founded upon and is guided by a set of principles, which includes that every person has been created equal, that each has rights to their life, liberty and pursuit of happiness and that each shall receive full recognition and protection of law; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County's LGBTQ2S community are a vital part of and contribute to a stronger community; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County is dedicated to fostering acceptance of all residents and preventing discrimination based on sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County is strengthened by and thrives upon the rich diversity of ethnic, cultural, racial, gender and sexual identities of its residents, all of which contribute to a vibrant community; and

WHEREAS, The month of June was designated as Pride Month to commemorate the Stonewall Riots of June 1969, which are recognized as the start of the LGBTQ2S rights movement, and numerous events have been organized around the country to commemorate that event; and

WHEREAS, The celebration of Pride Month in Ramsey County is a reminder of what makes the community an inclusive, equitable and just county; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners declares June 2021 as Pride Month in Ramsey County; and Be It Further

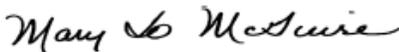
PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners renews its commitment to protecting and strengthening the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and two spirit people in our communities.



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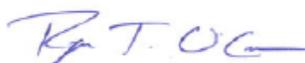
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