

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Victoria Ann Reinhardt, born to Florence and LeRoy Reinhardt in Hastings, MN, married to James Patrick Barone, mother to Michael and Erich, has served the people of her community and all of Ramsey County tirelessly, selflessly, and with distinction and dedication through 28 years of public service; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Reinhardt was elected to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners in 1996 and was reelected to seven consecutive terms, representing the cities of White Bear Lake, Maplewood, and North Saint Paul; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Reinhardt has been recognized as a national leader in the areas of renewable energy, transportation, housing, public health and safety, libraries, and regional governance, advocating on a local, state, and national level for support of projects within Ramsey County and across the state and region; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Reinhardt was instrumental in changing the landscape of recycling, waste reduction, and environmental stewardship throughout Minnesota, serving as a founding board member and Chair of the Recycling Association of Minnesota, Chair of the City of White Bear Lake Recycling Advisory Committee, Chair of the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board, member of the National Paint Product Stewardship Initiative, appointee to the Minnesota Clean Water Council by the Governor, Chair and Vice Chair of the Ramsey/Washington Counties Recycling and Energy Board, Board Chair of the Partnership on Waste and Energy, member of the Pig's Eye Landfill Task Force, and as a national and international speaker on topics including electronic waste, disposal of waste pharmaceuticals, and solid waste management; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Reinhardt has been a brave and loud voice for survivors of domestic violence, and through her own example and advocacy has helped countless survivors find the peace and justice that they deserve; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Reinhardt has been named "One of the Most Powerful Business Leaders in Minnesota" in the 2018 Minnesota 500 publication, received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the GIS/LIS Consortium, earned the Association of Minnesota Counties Presidential Leader of the Year Award, named "One of the 25 Most Innovative Women in the Twin Cities" by CityBusiness, received the National Leadership Award presented by the Reusable Pallet and Container Coalition, awarded the Bruce F. Vento Distinguished Service Award by the Minnesota Coalition for the Homeless, earned a Minnesota Environmental Achievement Award, and received the Metropolitan State University Community Service Award; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Reinhardt has served with her colleagues on the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners as Chair, mentor, cheerleader, and friend; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, In recognition and honor of Commissioner Reinhardt's leadership and service to Ramsey County, the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners declares December 17, 2024, as Commissioner Victoria Reinhardt Day in Ramsey County.



Nicole Frethem, Commissioner, District 1



Mary Jo McGuire, Commissioner, District 2



Rena Moran, Commissioner, District 4



Rafael Ortega, Commissioner, District 5



Mai Chong Xiong, Commissioner, District 6



Ling Becker, County Manager