

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, Ramsey County is committed to advancing racial equity while striving to be an anti-racist organization, and acknowledges Asian American, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islander Heritage month celebrates and honors the histories, languages, cultures, and contributions of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders (AANHPI): in Minnesota this includes, but not limited to, Asian Indian, Burmese, Chinese, Cambodian, Filipino, Hmong, Japanese, Karen, Korean, Lao, Native Hawaiian, Thai and Vietnamese ancestry or ethnic origin; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County recognizes that AANHPI community members have been subjected to systemic and institutional discrimination, and injustices and acknowledges that data disaggregation among Asian ethnicities is critical in serving and honoring all AANHPI members, and ensuring they are not treated as a monolith; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners stand with the Ramsey County Asian Descent Network (ADN) to advance leaders in the AANHPI communities and to recognize the many community organizations, nonprofits, businesses and individual trailblazers that have made contributions to the community's economic, social, and cultural affluence; and

WHEREAS, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners honors and celebrates Dr. Lynn Ogawa as a leader and champion in the AANHPI community, Dr. Ogawa is an example of an AANHPI woman in leadership serving Ramsey County residents as a Medical Director who is dedicated to addressing racial health disparities and political determinants of health across all public health divisions including WIC, Family Health, Emergency Preparedness & Response, Clinical Services, Healthy Communities, Environmental Health, Correctional Health and the Detox program; and

WHEREAS, As one of the founding sponsors of ADN, Dr. Ogawa continues to demonstrate unwavering commitment, mentorship, and engagement in uplifting and empowering the AANHPI community; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners declares the month of May 2025 as Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander Heritage Month to celebrate Asian arts, social services, and businesses, and recognize Asian accomplishments so that the cultures, histories, and stories of these communities are seen and heard; and Be It Further

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners, in conjunction with others throughout the United States of America, urges all residents to honor and celebrate the rich collective history by recognizing the accomplishments and contributions of Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander leaders and associated community members.



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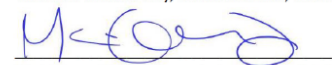
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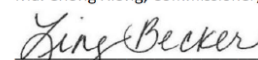
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