

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Ramsey County is committed to advancing racial equity while striving to be an anti-racist organization, and we acknowledge we must all work earnestly to create courageous and supportive environments that address the traumatic past; and

WHEREAS, We understand and recognize that there is a racial divide in our country and all must work earnestly to heal the wounds created by racial, ethnic and religious bias and build an equitable and just society in which all people can thrive; and

WHEREAS, Nonprofit organizations are uniquely positioned to bridge these divides, bring together communities, and work to change longstanding systems and policies that benefit some groups while marginalizing, excluding, or harming others; and

WHEREAS, Government organizations are better able to fulfill their missions, understand and embrace the full diversity of their communities and social realities that affect us all, when they are led by boards that are intentionally racially diverse in composition, inclusive in culture, and equity-focused in development of strategies and solutions to deepen the impact on, and the relevance and advancement of the public good; and

WHEREAS, If we dedicate ourselves to the principles of truth, racial healing and transformation, we can bring about the necessary changes in thinking and behavior that will propel this great country forward as a unified force where racial biases will become a thing of the past; and

WHEREAS, Racial healing is a vital and crucial commitment to the educational, physical, social and mental well-being of all people; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners declares January 17, 2023 as Day of Racial Healing in Ramsey County; 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 commit to racial healing and transformation in the ways best suited for them individually and as a community, as a means to work together to ensure the greatest quality of life for every resident.