

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The month of August is National Child Support Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, It is a time to raise awareness of the mission and initiatives of the Child Support Services Division of the Ramsey County Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, Child Support reduces reliance on public assistance, highlighted by the 60% of parents on the Ramsey County caseload who are former recipients of public assistance; and

WHEREAS, The goals of the child support program are best achieved through an approach that recognizes the unique needs of the whole family and honors the role of fathers; and

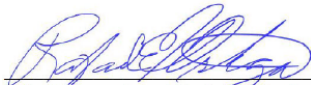
WHEREAS, Ramsey County Child Support is participating in the Safe Access for Victims' Economic Security (SAVES) grant, and changing practices to help survivors of domestic violence safely access child support services; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County Child Support promotes equitable child support services through policy and legislative changes, such as arrears forgiveness and stopping interest charging, to reduce debt that negatively impacts the well-being of parents; and

WHEREAS, It is also a time to acknowledge and show appreciation for Ramsey County child support employees who served nearly 23,000 children and their parents by establishing legal parentage, locating parents, obtaining and modifying child support orders, and collecting nearly \$40 million in child support payments; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners declares August 2025 as Child Support Awareness Month in Ramsey County; and Be It Further

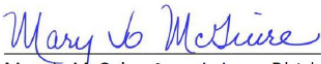
PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners recognizes the employees of the Child Support Services Division of the Ramsey County Attorney's Office who make a difference in the lives of children and their families.



Rafael Ortega, Board Chair, District 5



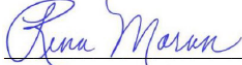
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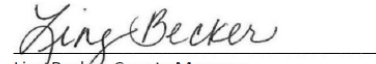
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