

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, Domestic violence is a pervasive public health and safety crisis that impacts individuals across all communities—regardless of age, race, gender identity, socioeconomic status, or background—with nearly 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men experiencing intimate partner violence in their lifetime; and

WHEREAS, In Ramsey County alone, more than 9,500 domestic-related 911 calls were made in the past year, and the trauma of domestic violence extends beyond physical harm, affecting mental health, housing stability, economic security, and the well-being of children and families; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County is committed to survivor-centered, trauma-informed, and culturally conscious approaches, advancing prevention and intervention through innovative, inclusive, and collaborative cross-departmental initiatives such as Call4ALL – Safe Support for All, which connects 911 callers and survivors with live advocates to holistically address personal and family needs; and

WHEREAS, This month honors the trailblazing efforts of community-based advocates who established the nation's first shelter, developed national models to reduce domestic violence and homicides, and championed culturally relevant responses, alongside the tireless work of advocacy organizations, shelters, healthcare providers, legal services, and culturally specific agencies; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County recognizes the resilience and strength of survivors, affirm the dedication of community partners, and join the nation in observing October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month—a call to action to educate, prevent, and foster safe, healthy, and respectful relationships; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby declares October 2025, as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Ramsey County and urges all residents to stand in solidarity with survivors, support prevention efforts, and engage in building a community where all needs are met.



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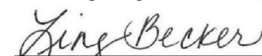
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