

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, Health care is a critically important industry, crucial to not only the health and well-being of all Minnesotans but also to the strength of Minnesota's economy; and

WHEREAS, Health care workers have been on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic for many months, enduring long hours and stressful conditions, saving countless lives – they deserve to be celebrated for their dedication; and

WHEREAS, There are 387,500 people employed in Health care roles in Minnesota, and as many as 7,045 Health care professionals currently unemployed in our state with projected high long-term demand for health care workers and currently crisis level demand for many health care workers – from entry level to highly specialized; and

WHEREAS, There are 35,932 Health care professionals working in Ramsey County, including 743 dedicated Ramsey County employees who work tirelessly to provide quality care for our residents and to make our community healthier and safer; and

WHEREAS, It is critically important to raise awareness about the many employment opportunities in health care, including those in hospitals and clinics, in senior care or other long-term care settings, and in direct support positions assisting people with disabilities in their homes and communities – and call on Minnesotans who want to make a difference in the lives of others to join or rejoin the health care field; and

WHEREAS, Health care offers many entry-level jobs that leverage transferable skills earned in other occupations. People with no health care experience or post-secondary education can work with many employers who provide on the job training, helping people get on track quickly for future career growth in the health care field; and

WHEREAS, Today's young people need to be encouraged to explore the wide range of health care career options with great opportunity for growth to ensure a strong future workforce in this essential field in our state. Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners designates the month of January as Health Care Month in Ramsey County; and Be It Further

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners encourages all Ramsey County residents to honor and celebrate the contributions of the health care industry and all health care workers in Ramsey County.



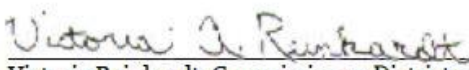
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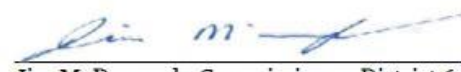
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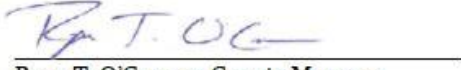
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