oclamation WHEREAS, Children are one of our greatest resources and strengths; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County is committed to the nurturing of children; and

WHEREAS, Licensed family child care providers are essential workers who provide a safe and healthy environment that fosters the physical, intellectual, emotional and social development of children; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County has nearly 400 licensed family child care providers caring for 4,000 children; and

WHEREAS, Child care providers have been working even harder during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic to support their communities, provide nurturing care to children during challenging times, help school-age children with remote learning, follow new health and safety guidelines and teach children how to stay physically distanced, all while facing the risk of exposure to the virus; and

WHEREAS, Licensed Family Child Care Providers were honored for the 44th Annual Recognition on October 7, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Ten providers received five year awards; four providers received ten year awards; six providers received fifteen year awards; ten providers received twenty year awards; eleven providers received twenty-five year awards; nine providers received thirty year awards; five providers received thirty- five year awards; and five providers received forty year awards; and

WHEREAS, Susan Kramer and Judy Pilz received forty-five year awards; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners designates October 12, 2021 as Licensed Family Child Care Provider Appreciation Day.

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