Proclamation

WHEREAS, Ryan O'Connor has worked for Ramsey County for more than a decade, serving the residents of Minnesota's most racially and ethnically diverse Capital County as Director of Policy and Planning, Deputy County Manager for Health and Wellness, and most recently as County Manager; and

WHEREAS, At every level in ways both large and small, Ryan has been a key leader in countless strategic initiatives and policy advocacy to transform systems and deliver efficient and effective services to our residents and most vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, Ryan has proven himself as a visionary and passionate leader who understands the critical role of county government and is committed to excellent service for all of our communities; and

WHEREAS, Ryan demonstrated his steadfast service and calm under pressure by leading the county's response to multiple crises simultaneously during a time of worldwide pandemic and civil unrest ensuring appropriate responses, service delivery, and resources were delivered to community and staff reducing harm, risk and loss of life throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, Ryan has consistently exemplified Ramsey County's vision, mission, goals, and core values and has upheld the highest ethical standards of his role as provided for in Ramsey County's Home Rule Charter; and

WHEREAS, Ryan has helped each member of the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners prioritize, innovate, problem-solve, and translate the demands of our residents and constituents into actionable steps and procedures that have meaningfully changed lives and uplifted all residents of the county; and

WHEREAS, Ryan has accepted a new role as Regional Administrator for the Metropolitan Council, where he will continue to exercise his intelligence, creativity, strategic visioning, and tireless devotion on behalf of every resident of the Twin Cities metropolitan region and beyond; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners proclaims February 29, 2024 as Ryan O'Connor Day in Ramsey County; and Be It Further

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners thanks Ryan O'Connor on behalf of all constituents for his friendship, leadership, service, and dedication to truly foster a county of excellence where all are valued and can thrive.

Trista Martinson, Board Chair, District 3

Mary b McSure
Mary Jo McGuire, Commissioner, District 2

Rafael Ortega, Commissioner, District 5

Victoria Reinhardt, Commissioner, District 7

Nicole Frethem, Commissioner, District 1

Rena Moran, Commissioner, District 4

Mai Chong Xiong, Commissioner, District 6

Johanna Berg, County Manager