

Proclamation

WHEREAS, October 9, 2023 is celebrated as Indigenous Peoples Day in the United States of America in recognition of American Indians as this country's original people; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County, recognizes Indigenous Peoples Day as an important time to celebrate the rich culture, tradition, and history and to acknowledge the important contributions of America's original people; and

WHEREAS, It is also an opportune time to educate the general public about the severe challenges American Indians have faced both historically and, in the present, and the ways in which American Indians have worked to conquer these challenges; and

WHEREAS, The land in present day known as Ramsey County is located on the ancestral and contemporary lands of American Indian people and home of the original people of Turtle Island since time immemorial, and without whom, the building of this county would not have been possible and holds great historical, spiritual and personal significance for its original stewards; and

WHEREAS, The name Ramsey County relates to the truths and long-standing impact, harm, genocide and racism, at the direction of Governor Ramsey to forcefully remove the area's American Indian residents from their homelands, including the declaration that the "the Sioux Indians of Minnesota must be exterminated or driven forever beyond the borders of the state," which led to the lynching of 38 Dakota men in Mankato on December 26, 1862; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County strives to eliminate systemic racism towards American Indian people and seeks to promote practices and policies that honor the state's original people's roots, history and contributions and reflect their experiences to ensure greater access and opportunity; and

WHEREAS, American Indians over the many years protected and preserved the landscape of Minnesota and Ramsey County, including their intrinsic traditional knowledge, labor, technology, science, philosophy, arts, as well as their cultural belief system that stipulates that they are protectors and stewards of the natural environment for the benefit of all; and

WHEREAS, We recognize and honor the treaties made by the tribal nations and the United States Government that entitle non-natives to live and work on American Indian land; Now, Therefore, Be It

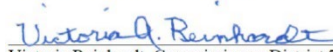
PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners declare October 9, 2023 Indigenous Peoples Day in Ramsey County in order to promote appreciation, healing, reconciliation, understanding, friendship and continued partnerships with the American Indian community; and Be It Further

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners encourages all residents in the community to honor and celebrate the many American Indian Minnesotans and Ramsey County residents that remind us daily of our rich American Indian heritage.

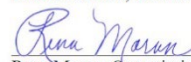

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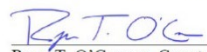

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