

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is a developmental disability that affects a significant number of individuals globally, impacting communication, social interaction, and behavior; and

WHEREAS, Autism Awareness Month is recognized annually in April, aiming to promote understanding, acceptance, and inclusion of individuals with autism, fostering a society that embraces neurodiversity; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County acknowledges the importance of creating an environment that celebrates the unique talents and contributions of individuals with autism, and strives to build a community that is inclusive and supportive; and

WHEREAS, Raising awareness about autism helps dispel misconceptions, reduce stigma, and encourage a culture of acceptance, fostering an atmosphere where individuals with autism can thrive; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County recognizes the significance of collaborating with local organizations, schools, businesses, and the community to promote education, acceptance, and support for individuals with autism and their families; Now, Therefore, Be it,

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby declares its support for Autism Awareness Month in April 2024, and urges all residents to participate in activities and initiatives that promote understanding, acceptance, and inclusion of individuals with autism; and Be It Further

PROCLAIMED, Ramsey County encourages educational institutions, businesses, and community organizations to engage in activities that raise awareness about autism, provide resources, and create an inclusive environment for individuals with autism.



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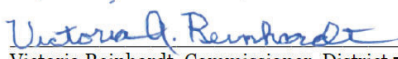
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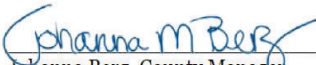
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