Proclamation

WHEREAS, Ramsey County foster care providers open their homes and hearts to our most vulnerable adults and children in need of stability and support; and

WHEREAS, We acknowledge the disproportionate impact on communities of color, indigenous, LGBTQ and transgender adults and children and their families; and

WHEREAS, Foster care providers offer not only food and shelter, but also safe and healthy environments that cultivate the physical, intellectual, emotional and social development of adults and children; and

WHEREAS, Foster care providers need wisdom, patience and humor to ensure that the children and adults they care for feel safe and loved; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County has over 300 child foster care providers and 106 licensed adult foster care homes with over 500 children and over 300 adults in foster homes last year; and

WHEREAS, Foster care licensors and providers remained resilient through a global pandemic that resulted in direct impacts to their homes; and

WHEREAS, We honor the residents and providers we've lost; and

WHEREAS, We celebrate the work of the foster care licensors and providers and recommit ourselves to helping our most vulnerable children and adults reach their potential; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners declares October 25, 2022 as Foster Care Provider Appreciation Day in Ramsey County; and Be It Further

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the county residents, thank the many dedicated people who provide loving and supportive foster care homes to the community.

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