

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The green industry is growing in Minnesota and Ramsey County and is a key driver of an emerging ecosystem vital to Ramsey County's economic prosperity; and

WHEREAS, The impacts of climate change affect many parts of our daily lives, particularly within underrepresented, ethnically and racially diverse and socioeconomically disadvantaged communities; and

WHEREAS, As the most diverse county in Minnesota, Ramsey County is committed to a just infusion of resources to meet the needs of our residents, aligning with the county's Climate Equity Action Plan; and

WHEREAS, There are currently over 10,000 individuals employed in green construction careers earning an average wage of nearly \$80,000 per year and over 1,000 individuals employed in environmental protection careers earning an average wage of over \$90,000 per year in Ramsey County; and

WHEREAS, The green industry sector employs a diverse talent pool, with 22.6% of workers identifying as racially and ethnically diverse and in 2022, 11.4% of Minnesota's clean energy workers were veterans; and

WHEREAS, It is imperative to raise awareness about good paying clean energy jobs available in our community, and welcome Ramsey County residents from all backgrounds to explore and thrive in green careers; and


WHEREAS, On May 1, 2024, Ramsey County will host its first Green Expo and Career Fair to connect residents with green resources and employment opportunities; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners hereby declares May 1, 2024, as Green Careers Day in Ramsey County; and Be It Further

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners encourages all Ramsey County residents to celebrate clean energy jobs and work together to mitigate climate change to achieve a healthier environment for all in Ramsey County.


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