

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Willetha “Toni” Carter, born in Bessemer, Alabama in 1954, moved to Minnesota in 1971 to attend college and began her call to public service as a Saint Paul Planning Commissioner and non-profit founder, with the establishment of the Community and Arts Partnership for Education; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Carter has gone on to be recognized in service across our country, state, county, city and community, beginning with elected service to Saint Paul Public Schools as a Board of Director in 2001 and now as a Ramsey County Commissioner for District 4, since 2005; and

WHEREAS, The list of accomplishments and recognitions are significant and groundbreaking, including being the first African American elected to a county board in Minnesota, as well as first African American to hold the role of Board Chair in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, With high profile roles on local to national efforts, including Director for the National Association of County Officials, President of the Association of Minnesota Counties, and the immediate-past Board Chair of Ramsey County, her resume of leadership positions and appointments is significant and extensive; and

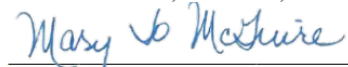
WHEREAS, Toni has been a vocal advocate and champion for issues impacting residents of Ramsey County, Minnesota, and the United States, starting with a focus on families, youth, and well-being, justice and equitable service to all; and

WHEREAS, As a tireless servant leader in our community, she has led a distinguished career of public service with grace, dignity, faith and integrity; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, Today this day of December 20, 2022, as Toni Carter Public Service Recognition Day in Ramsey County, in recognition and honor for her tireless efforts over a career of 17 years for the betterment of this grateful community of Ramsey County and State of Minnesota.



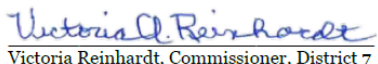
Trista MatasCastillo, Board Chair, District 3




Mary Jo McGuire, Commissioner, District 2



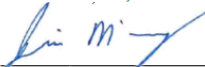
Rafael E. Ortega, Commissioner, District 5



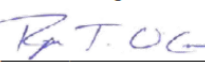
Victoria Reinhardt, Commissioner, District 7



Nicole Frethem, Commissioner, District 1



Jim McDonough, Commissioner, District 6



Ryan T. O'Connor, County Manager