

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, Ramsey County works with families to safety plan and keep children safe in their homes whenever possible, working diligently to locate family/kin to foster children when needed; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County provides resources to support family/kin and has increased the percentage of foster care providers who are family/kin to 72% in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Foster care providers open their homes and hearts to those who are vulnerable and in need; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County has approximately 390 licensed child foster care providers and 104 licensed adult foster care homes with over 550 children and over 300 adults in foster homes last year; and

WHEREAS, Foster care providers provide 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

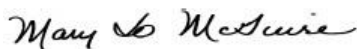
WHEREAS, Foster care providers need wisdom, patience, and humor to ensure that the children and adults they care for feel safe and loved because these children and adults are often scared, depressed, or have a hard time trusting others; and

WHEREAS, Foster care providers face even more challenges during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic because many they care for have experienced adversity and trauma, and they are more vulnerable to the changes that come with school closings, lack of daily contact with friends and mentors, and other forms of social distancing; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners designates October 12, 2021 as Foster Care Provider Appreciation Day in Ramsey County.



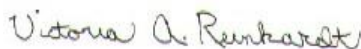
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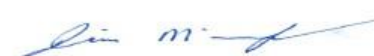
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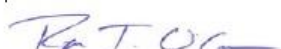
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