

# Proclamation

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage month began in 1992 to celebrate and honor the histories, languages, cultures, and contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders; and

WHEREAS, 84,000 residents or 16% of Ramsey County's second largest racial and ethnic population identify as Asian and call Ramsey County home; and

WHEREAS, According to Ramsey County's most recent workforce statistic report, 15% of employees identify as Asian and contribute greatly to the talent attraction, retention, and promotion of the county's workforce; and


WHEREAS, This year's theme for Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month is "Advancing Leaders Through Opportunity"; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County recognizes that Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders have been subjected to systemic and institutional discriminations, prejudices and injustices and acknowledge that data disaggregation among Asian ethnicities is critical in serving the community; and

WHEREAS, Ramsey County celebrates the achievements of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders as they have enriched and empowered communities and economy through their leadership roles in government, businesses, science, medicine, technology, arts, literature, sports, farming, and have made valuable economic, social and cultural contributions to Ramsey County as residents, business owners, and community leaders; Now, Therefore, Be It

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners declares the month of May as Asian American and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month to celebrate and amplify the social and cultural fabric of its community, support Asian businesses, and recognize Asian accomplishments so that the cultures, histories, and stories of this community are seen and heard; and Be It Further

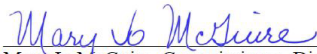
PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners declares May 2023 as Asian American and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month in Ramsey County and encourages all residents to honor and celebrate the rich collective history by recognizing the contributions of Asian American and Pacific Islanders to Ramsey County.



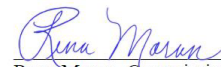
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