

Proclamation

WHEREAS, The month of May is Asian American and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month, dedicated to the recognition and celebration of Asian American and Pacific Islander history, cultures, and contributions; and

WHEREAS, 80,000 of residents or 15% of Ramsey County's second largest racial and ethnic population identity as Asian and call Ramsey County their home; and

WHEREAS, According to Ramsey County's most recent workforce statistic report, 13% of employees identify as Asian and contribute greatly to the talent attraction, retention and promotion of our workforce; and

WHEREAS, Asian American and Pacific Islanders have a vast diversity of languages, religions and cultural traditions but share pervasive experiences of racism, violence, discrimination and xenophobia towards Asian American and Pacific Islanders; and

WHEREAS, The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately impacted Asian Minnesotans with higher rates of infection and mortality, particularly among the Hmong, Karen and Karenni bringing to light the need for further disaggregated data to better inform targeted strategies to reduce the racial and ethnic COVID-19 disparities; and

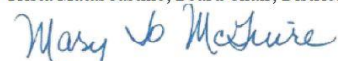
WHEREAS, We honor the significant gifts, pivotal roles and valuable social, economic and cultural contributions Asian American and Pacific Islanders have made to Ramsey County as residents, business owners, and community leaders; Now, Therefore Be It

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners declares May 2022 as Asian American and Pacific Islanders Heritage Month in Ramsey County; and Be It Further

PROCLAIMED, The Ramsey County Board of Commissioners encourages all residents to recognize Asian American and Pacific Islanders as integral to the cultural fabric of the community, and ensure their histories and stories are seen and heard in Ramsey County.



Trista MatasCastillo, Board Chair, District 3



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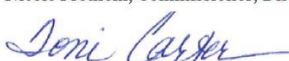
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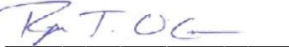
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