

Councilmember introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #26-108**

**RESOLUTION EXPRESSING FORMAL DISAPPROVAL AND CENSURE OF GOVERNOR TIM WALZ REGARDING THE MISMANAGEMENT OF STATE RESOURCES AND OVERSIGHT FAILURES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ramsey relies upon the integrity of state-managed programs and the prudent stewardship of public funds to ensure the welfare of its citizens; and

**WHEREAS**, recent audits and investigations, including reports from the Office of the Legislative Auditor (OLA), have identified significant failures in oversight regarding state-administered programs, most notably the “Feeding Our Future” fraud case involving the misappropriation of over \$250 million in public funds; and

**WHEREAS**, the Governor, as the Chief Executive of the State of Minnesota, bears ultimate responsibility for the performance and accountability of executive branch agencies, including the Department of Education and the Department of Human Services; and

**WHEREAS**, the failure to implement adequate “stop-gap” measures or respond to early warnings of systemic fraud has resulted in the largest pandemic-era fraud scheme in the United States, occurring within the borders of Minnesota; and

**WHEREAS**, every dollar lost to fraudulent activity and administrative negligence is a dollar diverted away from local infrastructure, public safety, and Local Government Aid (LGA) that directly benefits the residents of Ramsey; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of Ramsey believes that public trust in government is eroded when there is a lack of accountability for the mismanagement of taxpayer resources at the highest levels of state leadership.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAMSEY, ANOKA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA, as follows:**

- 1) **OFFICIAL CENSURE:** The City Council hereby issues a formal Statement of Censure against Governor Tim Walz for the lack of executive oversight and the resulting misappropriation of state resources.
- 2) **DEMAND FOR ACCOUNTABILITY:** The City Council calls upon the Minnesota State Legislature to exercise its full oversight authority to ensure those responsible for these administrative failures are held accountable and that such misappropriation never occurs again.

- 3) **DISTRIBUTION:** the City Administrator is hereby directed to forward a certified copy of this resolution to the Office of the Governor, the Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives, the Majority Leader of the Minnesota Senate and our locally elected State Representative and Senator.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember , and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

and the following abstained:

and the following were absent:

Whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Ramsey City Council this the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.

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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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City Clerk