

Councilmember introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION #26-111

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CITY STAFF TO
EXPLORE THE CITY'S ABILITY TO FILE A LEGAL CLAIM AGAINST GOVERNOR
TIM WALZ AND OTHER STATE LEADERS FOR A FAILURE TO FAITHFULLY
EXECUTE MINNESOTA STATE LAW AND NONFEASANCE RELATED TO THE
MANAGEMENT OF TAXPAYER MONEY**

WHEREAS, the City of Ramsey ("City"), like all other municipalities in the State of Minnesota ("State") obtains a portion of its budget through financial support from the State through Local Government Aid ("LGA"), Municipal State-Aid Street funds ("MSAS"), State-shared taxes, legislative bonding, and grants from State agencies such as DEED, MPCA, and MNDOT (collectively "State Financial Contribution"); and

WHEREAS, the City depends on the State Financial Contribution to ensure it can provide adequate services for the community, including but not limited to safe roadways, trails, and sidewalks, economic development, clean water, affordable housing, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, Federal prosecutors and investigators estimate that fraud in multiple State programs may exceed \$9 billion, with just one fraud case—Feeding Our Future, involving over \$250 million of stolen taxpayer money meant to feed children; and

WHEREAS, due to a failure by the State to stop or even investigate the "staggering, industrial-scale fraud," Federal investigations have been launched into the State's Medicaid and social services programs, childcare centers, NUWAY addition centers, sober homes, and fraudulent frontline worker payments; and

WHEREAS, to date almost no money stolen in any of the fraud schemes has been recovered and pursuant to Federal prosecutors, the stolen money is unrecoverable because it has been moved overseas; and

WHEREAS, an interim report from the House Oversight Committee in March 2026 states that Governor Walz and Attorney General Keith Ellison were aware of credible fraud concerns as early as 2019; and

WHEREAS, to date, over thirty whistleblowers have come forward with information about the rampant fraud and the Governor's refusal to respond; many of these whistleblowers were State employees, and claim they were ignored, retaliated against, even surveilled when they raised concerns; and

WHEREAS, the Governor lied to the residents of the State when he claimed that a Court instructed State officials to continue payments to Feeding Our Future, instead the Minnesota Department of Education voluntarily continued payments despite identifying serious program deficiencies and no court order requiring payments to resume; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article 5, Section 3, of the Minnesota State Constitution, Governor Tim Walz is required to “take care that the laws be faithfully executed.” This has been recognized as the Governor’s most significant responsibility as the Minnesota Supreme Court stated: “the position of the President under the federal Constitution in respect to his duty to execute the laws of Congress is precisely that of the Governor under our state Constitution in respect to the laws enacted by our Legislature”; and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s repeated, intentional failures to faithfully execute all state laws constitute nonfeasance, a breach of his duties and official misconduct and has caused a dramatic loss in available funding to the City for urgent, necessary, and legitimate public needs and purposes; and

WHEREAS, not only have the City and City residents been damaged and harmed by the Governor’s repeated, intentional failures, but all communities in the State have been harmed by the Governor’s nonfeasance; hardworking taxpayer money was stolen and continued to be stolen because even after the Governor was made aware it was happening, he did nothing to stop it.

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

- 1) The City Administrator and City Attorney are directed to further investigate the claims that the City may have against Governor Tim Walz, Attorney General Keith Ellison, and/or the State of Minnesota related to the damage caused to the City due to their breach of duties, official misconduct, and nonfeasance related to the mismanagement of taxpayer money.
- 2) The City Administrator and City Attorney are directed to investigate the legal means to file claims against Governor Tim Walz, Attorney General Keith Ellison, and/or the State of Minnesota separately or in conjunction with other municipalities of the State of Minnesota.

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 12th day of May, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk