

RESOLUTION #2022-35

**PROCLAIMING APRIL
NATIONAL COUNTY GOVERNMENT MONTH IN ANOKA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the nation's 3,069 counties, parishes and boroughs serving more than 300 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe, and vibrant communities; and,

WHEREAS, counties provide public health services, administer justice, keep communities safe, foster economic opportunities and much more; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County and all counties take pride in our responsibility to protect and enhance the health, wellbeing, and safety of our residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and,

WHEREAS, as part of the National Association of Counties, Anoka County is demonstrating how "Counties THRIVE," especially in supporting residents and businesses during the coronavirus pandemic; and,

WHEREAS, each year since 1991 the National Association of Counties has encouraged counties across the country to elevate awareness and understanding of county responsibilities, programs, and services; and,

WHEREAS, Anoka County understands the important role county government plays in people's lives; and,

WHEREAS, although sometimes referred to as the invisible layer of government because federal, state and even local tend to be more noticeable, county government provides services the public uses every day; and,

WHEREAS, during each week in April, Anoka County will highlight how our services impact the lives of our citizens from birth to death, and how we're with them every step of the way:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Anoka County, by and through its Board of Commissioners, does hereby proclaim April 2022 as National County Government Month and encourages all county officials, employees, schools, and residents to discover why "Counties THRIVE."