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To: Board of Commissioners
From: Briggs Tople, Outreach and Communications Specialist
Date: 3/19/2024
Re: National County Government Month

National County Government Month (NCGM), held each April, is an annual celebration of county government. Since 1991, the National Association of Counties (NACo) has encouraged counties to actively promote county roles and responsibilities in serving residents. Counties can schedule activities any time during the month. NCGM is an excellent opportunity for your county to highlight effective or innovative county programs and raise public awareness of services provided to the community.

This year's National County Government Month theme is consistent with NACo President Mary Jo McGuire's focus for the year, ForwardTogether.

ForwardTogether is about connecting, inspiring and leading – pillars of county government that build trust and drive towards solutions. Counties are encouraged to reflect on this theme as you choose how to celebrate NCGM. In particular, consider how NCGM is so intrinsically connected to the responsibility of county leaders to inspire our residents to take an interest in and engage with their communities, and how it presents an opportunity to lead in new and growing ways.

To help inspire residents, Goodhue County will hold an essay contest! Every high schooler will be invited to enter their 500-1000 word essay on, "How has Goodhue County impacted your community?" The winner of this contest will receive a bundle of swag from our store in addition to having a day dedicated to them in the County via County Board proclamation.

Find your Good here.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
GOODHUE COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

Date: March 19th, 2024

WHEREAS, the nation’s 3,069 counties serving more than 330 million Americans provide essential services to create healthy, safe and vibrant communities; and

WHEREAS, counties fulfill a vast range of responsibilities and deliver services that touch nearly every aspect of our residents’ lives; and

WHEREAS, Goodhue 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, under the leadership of National Association of Counties President Mary Jo McGuire, NACo is highlighting county leadership through the lens ForwardTogether, celebrating the role of county governments in connecting, inspiring and leading as intergovernmental partners; and

WHEREAS, that role includes a responsibility to inspire county residents to engage with their communities, and to lead by highlighting our strength as intergovernmental partners; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED, Goodhue County do hereby proclaim April 2024 as National County Government Month and encourage all county officials, employees, schools and residents to participate in county government celebration activities.

State of Minnesota
County of Goodhue

Flanders	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Majerus	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Betcher	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Greseth	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
Anderson	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

I, Scott O. Arneson, duly appointed, County Administrator of the County of Goodhue, State of Minnesota, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of a resolution with the original minutes of the proceedings of the Board of County Commissioners, Goodhue County, Minnesota at their session held on the 19th day of March 2024, now on file in my office, and have found the same to be a true and correct copy thereof.

Witness my hand and official seal at Red Wing, Minnesota, this 19th day of March 2024.

Scott O. Arneson
County Administrator
