

Board of Commissioners

Request for Board Action

Meeting Date: October 6, 2026

DEPARTMENT: Extension

FILE TYPE: Regular Action

TITLE

Proclamation Of National 4-H Week In Goodhue County, October 4-10, 2026.

PURPOSE/ACTION REQUESTED

Proclaim October 4-10, 2026, National 4-H Week In Goodhue County.

SUMMARY

Minn. Stat. § 38.33 coordinates the work of the federal, state, and county governments and the Minnesota Extension Service of the University of Minnesota to maintain county Extension work. Goodhue County has a Memorandum of Agreement with the University of Minnesota for a local 4-H Youth Development program.

4-H members in Goodhue County will join the 6 million youth across the country in celebrating National 4-H Week annually starting the first Monday in October. 4-H celebrates this week by highlighting the remarkable 4-H youth in their communities and showcasing the incredible experiences that 4-H offers young people.

OUTCOMES

The Goodhue County Extension Department works to create a healthy, thriving, and equitable community for all. Extension does this by bringing Minnesotans together to build a better future through University science-based knowledge, expertise and training. Extension is the front door to the University for all Minnesotans, providing tools to build the future they envision. More than 1 million people are reached annually by Extension education. In the 2025-2026 program year:

- 1034 youth (kindergarten through 1 year past high school) were enrolled members in Goodhue County 4-H. Goodhue County is consistently ranked in the top four counties in the state for enrollment.
- The annual 4-H Youth Outcome Survey distributed in the fall of 2026 to Goodhue County members indicated:
 - 97% of youth feel like they belong when participating in 4-H.
 - 91% of youth had the opportunity to share their learning at the county fair.
 - 88% of youth volunteered in their community as part of their 4-H experience

RECOMMENDATION

Building a ready generation in a world of change, 4-H equips youth with skills for the future while meeting them where they are today. Becoming Beyond Ready encompasses opportunities and experiences, connections and discovery, shaping youth into their true and authentic selves. National

4-H Week is a time to celebrate the 4-H youth development program in Goodhue County and across the nation and its many benefits and to encourage more young people to join.

EXPLANATION OF FISCAL/FTE IMPACTS

None.

- ☒ None ☐ Current budget ☐ Other
☐ Amendment Requested ☐ New FTE(s) requested

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, 4-H is America's largest youth development organization, supporting nearly six million youth across the country; and

WHEREAS, 4-H has helped 1034 youth in Goodhue County in the 2025-2026 program year to become confident, independent, resilient and compassionate leaders; and

WHEREAS, 4-H is delivered by Cooperative Extension – a community of more than 100 public universities across the nation that provides experiences where young people learn-by-doing through hands-on projects in the important areas of health, science, agriculture and civic engagement; and

WHEREAS 4-H is the largest youth organization in Minnesota, and Goodhue County has one of the largest 4-H programs in the state, with methods backed by university research, 4-H offers the opportunity for youth to learn how to solve problems, make decisions and communicate ideas; and

WHEREAS, National 4-H Week showcases the incredible ways that 4-H inspires kids to do and highlights the remarkable 4-H youth in Goodhue County who work each day to make a positive impact on those around them, provide opportunities and experiences, connections and discovery, shaping youth into their true and authentic selves; and

WHEREAS, 4-H's network of nearly 500,000 volunteers and 3,500 professionals provides caring and supportive mentoring to all 4-H'ers, helping them to grow into true leaders, entrepreneurs and visionaries;

NOW, THEREFORE, Goodhue County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim October 4-10, 2026 as NATIONAL 4-H WEEK throughout Goodhue County and encourage all of our citizens to recognize 4-H for the significant impact they have made and continue to make by empowering youth with the skills they need to lead for a lifetime.

PREVIOUS BOARD ACTION

None.

ATTACHMENTS

None.

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