

**CITY OF FALCON HEIGHTS  
COUNCIL RESOLUTION**

May 25, 2011

No. 11-06

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**Resolution In Support of Ramsey County Congressional Redistricting Efforts**

**WHEREAS**, data from the 2010 Census requires the Minnesota Legislature to re-draw Congressional boundaries into eight districts with 662,991 people in each district; and

**WHEREAS**, Ramsey County is Minnesota's second largest county and is the center of economic development, regional transportation, and unique communities of interest in the eastern metropolitan area; and

**WHEREAS**, Ramsey County has effectively been in a single congressional district as a whole political unit since 1891; and

**WHEREAS**, maintaining Ramsey County as a whole political unit in a single congressional district will preserve communities of interest along with their unique cultural, economic, and historic connections to the county and the east metropolitan area, and

**WHEREAS**, the congressional district redistricting principles used after the 2000 Census stated that, "The districts will be drawn with attention to county, city, and township boundaries. A county, city, or township will not be divided into more than one district except as necessary to meet equal population requirements or to form districts that are composed of convenient, contiguous, and compact territory. When any county, city, or township must be divided into one or more districts, it will be divided into as few districts as possible;" and

**WHEREAS**, Ramsey County seeks to maintain all fifteen municipalities which are entirely contained within its borders as whole political units within a single congressional district, and has asked cities, townships, and school boards within Ramsey County to support this effort;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Falcon Heights City Council requests the State Legislature and the Governor to formulate a redistricting plan that maintains Ramsey County as a whole political unit, preserves the County's unique communities of interest in a single congressional district, and supports the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners in their efforts to retain Ramsey County in one consolidated congressional district.

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Moved by: *Harris*

Approved by: *Peter Lindstrom*  
Peter Lindstrom, Mayor  
May 25, 2011

LINDSTROM *Absent* 3 In Favor  
GOSLINE  
HARRIS 0 Against  
LONG  
MERCER-TAYLOR *Absent*

Attested by: *JM*  
Justin Miller  
City Administrator  
May 25, 2011