

## RESOLUTION

### Board of Hennepin County Commissioners

#### RESOLUTION: 24-0540

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At a meeting of the Board of Hennepin County Commissioners on 12/12/2024, a motion was made by Irene Fernando, seconded by Heather Edelson, that this Resolution be adopt. The motion passed.

WHEREAS, Lisa Richardson began her captioning career as a court reporter in 1976; and

WHEREAS, she moved to Minnesota in 1988 to begin captioning for KARE 11 as the first news station in the state and eighth station in the country to have live, on-air captions; and

WHEREAS, Lisa began her own captioning business in 1990, and merged with multiple captioning agencies as the business of captioning continued to grow and change over the years; and

WHEREAS, she began captioning for the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners in 1995 when real-time, closed captioning was first implemented for Hennepin County board meetings; and

WHEREAS, real-time, closed captioning has improved the transparency and accessibility of board meetings for Hennepin County residents; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Richardson has also worked closely with the Minnesota legislature, local professional sports teams, the University of Minnesota and the Hearing Loss Association of America, to increase accessibility across multiple industries and organizations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Richardson has spent nearly 30 years committed to serving the residents of Hennepin County through the important accessibility work of closed captioning.

#### **Resolution:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners acknowledges Lisa Richardson's accomplishments, commitment and dedication to the county, its residents, and accessibility for all and wishes her well in retirement.

#### **Recommendation from County Administrator:** Recommend Approval

RESOLUTION ADOPTED ON 12/12/2024

The question was on the adoption of the resolution with the votes as follows:

**Aye:** 6 Commissioner Fernando, Commissioner Goettel, Commissioner Lunde, Commissioner Conley, Commissioner Edelson, and Commissioner Anderson

**Absent:** 1 Commissioner Greene

**Maria Rose**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Rose", written over a horizontal line.

Maria Rose