

City of Rochester



WHEREAS, KSMQ Public Television was founded in Austin Minnesota in 1972 with partners Austin Public Schools, Austin Teachers College, and Rochester Community and Technical College becoming one of the first public, nonprofit television stations in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, since that time, KSMQ has broadcast quality PBS and local television programming without interruption; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, KSMQ became an independent community license holder that today serves over 700,000 television viewers in 20 counties, including Olmsted; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, KSMQ began raising funds, including funding from the Minnesota legislature and private donors, to construct its own broadcast building; and

WHEREAS, on September 16, 2022, they will dedicate the \$5.1 million KSMQ Broadcast Center at 107 W. Oakland Avenue in Austin, Minnesota to create a more accessibly, regional media hub.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Kim Norton, Mayor of the City of Rochester, Minnesota, do hereby proclaim September 16, 2022 as

KSMQ Public Television Day

and encourage all residents to join me in this momentous occasion by celebrating this new building and recognizing the importance of public television in our state and nation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the corporate seal of the City of Rochester to be affixed this 16th day of September, 2022.

Kim Norton, Mayor
City of Rochester, Minnesota