



PROCLAMATION
DARTS Appreciation Day June 3, 2024
In the City of Hastings, Minnesota

WHEREAS, since 1974, **DARTS** has served older adults, their families, and caregivers with the mission of creating connections that enrich aging and empowering independence; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, DARTS is celebrating its **50th anniversary** of providing services for older adults across the southeast Metro, including Hastings. These services include housework, outdoor chores, home repairs, caregiving resources, resource connections, fulfilling volunteer opportunities and transportation; and

WHEREAS, the first DARTS bus rides were provided in 1974, transporting older residents to area community education classes and the community Loop bus has operated since 2016, and DARTS' ongoing commitment to collaboration, excellence, inclusion, responsibility, and service in its communities has helped ensure a 99% client satisfaction rate; and

WHEREAS, volunteer dedication has allowed DARTS' Learning Buddies and Pen Pal programs to reach more than 80,000 students, connecting older adult volunteers with local classrooms for intergenerational learning experiences; and

WHEREAS, DARTS is able to fulfill its mission thanks to generous ongoing community support and from area Champion Partners at Flint Hills Resources, Xcel Energy, and United Way of Hastings; and

WHEREAS, the **City of Hastings** celebrates the 50th anniversary of DARTS and all of the services it has long provided our aging residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Mary Fasbender, Mayor of the City of Hastings, do hereby proclaim Monday, June 3, 2024, as **DARTS APPRECIATION DAY** in the City of Hastings.

Mary D. Fasbender, Mayor