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Ramsey County Commissioner Jim McDonough Receives Association of Minnesota Counties' President's Award

(St. Paul, MN)— **Ramsey County Commissioner Jim McDonough** received an Association of Minnesota Counties' (AMC) President's Award for his years of dedicated service and exemplary leadership in county government. 2016 AMC President Jack Swanson, a Roseau County commissioner, selected McDonough for this honor and presented it to him at the association's annual conference December 5 in Minneapolis.

The prestigious President's Award is presented to an individual who has a deep history of public service to their community and to their county.

Commissioner Jim McDonough was born and raised on the East Side of St. Paul and continues to live there today. Being a lifelong resident has given him a unique understanding of the qualities that his neighborhood embodies, including a strong dedication to community and the importance of building relationships. Commissioner McDonough was elected to the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners in 2000 and has served as chair of the Regional Rail Authority for Ramsey County since 2008. He has worked tirelessly since then to bring more efficient and accessible transit to Ramsey County. He has been instrumental in re-establishing the Union Depot not only as a multi-modal transportation hub, but also as a Ramsey County historical landmark. Commissioner McDonough is recognized as a national leader in the area of transit and continues to advocate on a local, state and national level for support and revenue for projects within Ramsey County. In addition, he works tirelessly on the issues of preventing sexual violence, mental health and supporting our aging population.

AMC is a voluntary statewide organization that assists the state's 87 counties in providing effective county governance to the people of Minnesota. The association works closely with the legislative and administrative branches of government in seeing that legislation and policies favorable to counties are enacted. In addition, the Association provides educational programs, training, research and communications for county officials.

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Caption: Ramsey County Commissioner Jim McDonough received a 2016 Association of Minnesota Counties' President's Award from 2016 AMC President Jack Swanson, a Roseau County Commissioner, on December 5 in Minneapolis.