RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF METROPOLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

WHEREAS, beginning in January 2024, the Metropolis Public Library Board of Directors (Board) has faced a significant increase in public comment during board meetings, and public scrutiny as individual citizens while carrying out their duties as public library trustees, and

WHEREAS, the Board has implemented additional policies to ensure that members of the public have equal access to public comment and to reinforce the tenets of intellectual freedom.

RESOLVED, that the Illinois Heartland Library System Board of Directors supports and applauds the Metropolis Public Library Board of Directors for supporting the right to read for all library patrons and for ensuring the rule of law as defined by the Illinois Public Library Act (75 ILCS 5).

PASSED BY THE BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES OF THE ILLINOIS HEARTLAND LIBRARY SYSTEM, OF MADISON COUNTY, STATE OF ILLINOIS, THIS 23 DAY OF April 2024.

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President, Illinois Heartland Library Board

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Secretary