

RESOLUTION 26-1

WHEREAS, Abraham Lincoln's legacy is known the world over, but only Springfield can lay claim to being Mr. Lincoln's hometown; and,

WHEREAS, Thousands of visitors come every year to Springfield to reflect on his most formative years, specifically the time he spent in his home on North 8th Street; and,

WHEREAS, Springfield has always prided itself on ensuring visitors and scholars alike leave with an accurate and holistic portrait of what life was like for Lincoln; and,

WHEREAS, Many visitors do not realize that the house as it stands today was expanded to include a second floor. It is important visitors understand that the original house which the Lincolns called home was very modest and presented numerous challenges to their growing family; and,

WHEREAS, An exciting effort is being launched by the "Abraham Lincoln Association" which seeks to re-create Lincoln's home as it would have looked before the second floor was added; and,

WHEREAS, The Sangamon County Board enthusiastically supports this historic project. Once built, visitors will come away with an expanded understanding of Lincoln's private life, the challenges he faced raising a family within the narrow confines of this historically accurate home, and how it may have impacted his life before he became our Greatest President.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of the Board of Sangamon County, Illinois, in session this 14th day of July, 2020, do hereby support this historic project.

Chairman, Sangamon County Board

ATTEST:

County Clerk

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