

**JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF A JO DAVIESS COUNTY CLIMATE CHANGE ACTION PLAN**

**WHEREAS**, Jo Daviess County desires to protect and enhance the quality of life for all those who live, work, learn and play in our community, as well as for our children and grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS**, there is scientific consensus that climate change and the recognition that human activity, especially the combustion of fossil fuels that create greenhouse gases, is a key driver of climate change; and

**WHEREAS**, climate change has been widely recognized by government, military, business, academic, and other community leaders as a potential worldwide threat capable of harming our economy, safety, public health, and quality of life; and

**WHEREAS**, the county seat of Jo Daviess County is the city of Galena, a sustainability leader in its region and in Illinois; and

**WHEREAS**, Jo Daviess County has a large and growing number of residents who follow personal sustainability practices and/or who have installed solar panels on or at their homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the farmers of Daviess County are leaders in resource conservation and stewardship; and

**WHEREAS**, Jo Daviess County has a growing number of businesses who have earned the Galena Country Green Designation for meeting certain sustainability criteria; and

**WHEREAS**, Jo Daviess County strives to be the first Illinois county to launch a local climate change mitigation and adaptation planning process to educate our residents regarding climate hazards, achievement of energy security, and sustainably developing our economies; and

**WHEREAS**, the State of Illinois is emerging as one of America's environmental leadership states with a commitment to 25% renewable energy by 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, local leadership is critical in avoiding the most dangerous and costly effects of climate change.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF JO DAVIESS COUNTY, ILLINOIS, THAT** all future decisions by the Jo Daviess County Board shall respect and acknowledge associated climate change predictions.

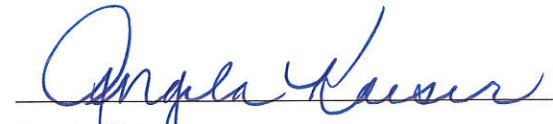
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that updates to the Jo Daviess County Comprehensive Plan will include strategies that may reduce Jo Daviess County's risk exposure to local climate change impacts while encouraging citizens to prepare for and address anticipated impacts of climate change.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Jo Daviess County Board on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2020.

Attest:



Scott Toot, Chairperson  
Jo Daviess County Board



Angela Kaiser  
Jo Daviess County Clerk