

RESOLUTION 14-1

WHEREAS, starting in 2022, Sangamon County began working with the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln on its Next10 goal to enhance the Urban-Rural connection; and

WHEREAS, Sangamon County with the Community Foundation for the Land of Lincoln hired Beyond Green Partners (BGP) in 2022 to conduct an assessment report to study how to build a foundation for a long lasting local food system in Sangamon County

WHEREAS, the first recommendation in the report was to identify pilot institutions in the region to secure early buy-in and support for the initiative and ensure consistent demand for local growers and producers; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, Sangamon County funded a pilot program with BGP and Pawnee CUSD#11 which created a project plan and began a 3-year program that will move the school district to more scratch cooking and local food purchasing; and

WHEREAS, there is continued interest in this program after the early success in Pawnee; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Presbyterian Home's board expressed interest and enthusiasm to implement a similar pilot program at their facility that serves seniors in our community; and

WHEREAS, Sangamon County recommends that BGP's non-profit, Sustainable Food Institute of America works with Illinois Presbyterian Home to create a project plan and implement a program that is detailed in the contract and proposal that will be considered a pilot project where the learnings can be shared with other entities that are interested in funding their own projects in the future.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sangamon County Board, in session this ___ day of September, 2024, does hereby engage the Sangamon County administration to execute a contract with Sustainable Food Institute of America on a 2-year pilot program at Illinois Presbyterian Home for an amount not to exceed \$100,000.

Approved by the ___ Finance Committee _____ September 10, 2024 _____

_____, Chairman

Chairman, Sangamon County Board

ATTEST:

County Clerk

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Sangamon County Clerk