

RESOLUTION NO. 17-1

**WHEREAS**, acting through its administrator and its legal counsel, the Estate of Sonya Massey seeks redress from those (including Sangamon County and the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office (SCSO)) it deems responsible for the shooting death of Ms. Massey on July 6, 2024, by Sean P. Grayson, then a Sangamon County Deputy; and

**WHEREAS**, while not the Estate's sole claim against Sangamon County, one of the Estate's primary claims against Sangamon County is that Sangamon County is responsible for satisfying any compensatory damages and related Estate attorneys' fees awarded at any trial; and

**WHEREAS**, prior to engaging in litigation, the Estate, Sangamon County, and the SCSO agreed to attempt to resolve all of the Estate's claims through mediation; and

**WHEREAS**, said mediation occurred on February 3, 2025, and resulted in the Estate, Sangamon County, and the SCSO, all represented by legal counsel, agreeing to resolve all of the Estate's claims in return for a \$10,000,000 payment by Sangamon County to the Estate, said agreement contingent upon the Sangamon County Board's approval; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the opinion of both the Sangamon County State's Attorney's Office and private counsel representing Sangamon County that approving the mediated settlement agreement is in the best interests of Sangamon County.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the members of the Sangamon County Board on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2025, that Sangamon County approves the aforementioned mediated settlement agreement and authorizes County Administrator Brian McFadden to execute those documents which are approved by Sangamon County's legal counsel to effectuate and finalize the settlement of all of the Estate of Sonya Massey's claims.

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Chairman, Sangamon County Board

ATTEST:

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County Clerk

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*Don Massey*  
Sangamon County Clerk

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Andy Goleman  
SANGAMON COUNTY AUDITOR