

RESOLUTION NO. 10-1

WHEREAS, Sangamon County celebrated its 200th birthday in 2021 by collecting videos of residents' stories from living in the county, with the final goal of storing these videos into a time capsule for future generations to cherish;

WHEREAS, Sangamon County successfully gathered 234 testimonials from a diverse group of residents, including local business owners, mayors, teachers, community leaders, students, farmers, and many others;

WHEREAS, Sangamon County offered \$1,000 scholarships to one student from each of the county's 15 high schools and received 50 submissions. An online voting contest launched to determine the highest vote getter at each high school. A winner from each high school were declared after tens of thousands of votes were cast;

WHEREAS, The Sangamon County Bicentennial Committee members were a vital component of the video campaign, recommending the idea of a time capsule amidst a global pandemic, assisting in video collection, and participating in videos themselves;

WHEREAS, Residents of Sangamon County, County Board Members, and other elected County Officials were a critical component of the project, sharing and submitting videos, and ensuring that the community was aware of the Bicentennial celebration and the video time capsule;

WHEREAS, Sangamon County will store the videos on hard drives in two locations: one in the Sangamon County Clerk's office and one in the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library in the climate-controlled, underground stacks for future research;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Members of the Board of Sangamon County, Illinois, in session this 8th day of February 2022, do hereby commend participants in the Sangamon County Bicentennial video campaign, approve the placement of the time capsule into the aforementioned locations, and call for the time capsule to be opened in 50 years in 2071 for the county's 250th birthday.

Chairman, Sangamon County Board

ATTEST:

County Clerk