## RESOLUTION 2025-14

## A RESOLUTION REQUESTING DESIGNATION OF THE SOUTHWEST INITIATIVE FOUNDATION AS A LOCAL DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION.

WHEREAS, the City of Pipestone (herein, the "City") would like to better utilize the Community Development Block Grant Economic Development (CDBG-ED) Set-Aside federal funds; and,

WHEREAS, if the City retains these funds and their repayment, the funds retain the federal designation and guidelines forever; and,

WHEREAS, the City by resolution, can request from the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), authorization to transfer CDBG-ED Set-Aside funds to a Local Development Organization, herein, (LDO); and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Initiative Foundation is interested in being designated as an LDO and is a non-profit organization, as defined in Internal Revenue Service regulations, serving the community and economic development needs of a non-entitlement area; and

WHEREAS, the Southwest Initiative Foundation has adopted procedures and guidelines for the use of the federal funds, the repayment of the federal funds plus any interest accrued, earned or paid thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the City of Pipestone that the City hereby requests approval from the DEED to designate the Southwest Initiative Foundation as a Local Development Organization (LDO), serving the community and economic development needs of the City of Pipestone and, therefore, authorize them to receive the repayments from the CDBG-ED Set-Aside loan to Ellison Meats.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Pipestone this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2025.

Dan Delaney Mayor

ATTEST:

Deb Nelson City Administrator