

CITY OF ROCHELLE
Ogle County, Illinois

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION REQUESTING A PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROCHELLE AND THE VILLAGES OF
HILLCREST AND CRESTON IN SUPPORT OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY STRATEGIC PLANNING**

WHEREAS, the City of Rochelle's utility division, Rochelle Municipal Utilities (RMU), serves as utility provider for Rochelle and neighboring municipalities Hillcrest and Creston, with varying levels of service including fiber, electricity, water, and sewer; and

WHEREAS, RMU customers depend on RMU's reliable and competitively priced electricity distribution; and

WHEREAS, these present competitive costs have risk of rising in uncertain future electrical generation markets, and

WHEREAS, future mandates and the transition to renewable sources of electrical generation also have uncertain cost impacts,

WHEREAS, rising costs risk a disparate impact on income-limited populations including senior and working-class residents; and

WHEREAS, extreme weather events, including extreme heat, and electrification trends in numerous sectors have the potential to place strains on the electric grid and increase demand; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Office of Energy is now encouraging participation in the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant to fund energy planning that address long-term concerns for residents and rate payers; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF ROCHELLE, ILLINOIS as follows:

SECTION ONE: The City of Rochelle requests partnerships with the Village of Creston and Village of Hillcrest, and other partners, public and private, to apply for funding and participate in planning activities as part of the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program; and

SECTION TWO: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution will be in effect from and after the date of its passage and approval, and publication as required by law.

Passed and approved this _____ day of June, 2024. _____

Mayor Attest: _____

