

RESOLUTION _____

WHEREAS, this County suffered the tragedy in July 2024 of a deputy sheriff, responding to a 911 call, killing Sonya Massey; and

WHEREAS, investigations revealed many red flags in said deputy's background and law enforcement employment record that should have prevented our elected Sheriff from hiring said deputy; and

WHEREAS, thereafter a large number of citizens addressed the County Board, urging it to adopt Recall; and

WHEREAS, the County Board established the Massey Commission to investigate and recommend solutions to the problems that led to the Massey tragedy; and

WHEREAS, one of the first recommendations made by the Massey Commission was to adopt Recall; and

WHEREAS, Democratic County Board Members offered a Resolution to place a binding referendum on Recall on the April 1, 2025 Consolidated Election ballot, but said Resolution was voted down on a party line vote at our January County Board Meeting, with all Democrats voting Yes and all Republicans voting No; and

WHEREAS, the Local Government Article of the Illinois Constitution also enables voters of a County to put a binding Referendum on Recall on the ballot via initiative petition, signed by voters equal to 8% of the last vote for Governor in the County, which in Sangamon is 6,359; and

WHEREAS; public opinion polls show overwhelming Illinois voters support approaching 80% for Recall; and

WHEREAS; many other states, including our neighboring states of Missouri and Wisconsin, have Recall for local elected officials; and


WHEREAS; a petition to place a binding referendum on Recall on the ballot in Sangamon County is currently being circulated;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Members of the Democratic Caucus of the Sangamon County Board in session this 9th day of September, 2025 that we endorse and support the voter initiative petition drive to place a binding referendum on Recall for Sangamon County elected officials on the ballot, and urge voters to circulate and sign said petition.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage.

Presented, Adopted, Approved, And Recorded this 9th day of September, A.D. 2025.

Approved



Tony DelGiorno, Chair

Sangamon County Board Democratic Caucus