

**RESOLUTION REGARDING LOCAL CONTROL (#25-11)**

WHEREAS, Local control is a key principle of the United States of America and South Dakota.

WHEREAS, South Dakota has a long history of allowing counties, municipalities, and townships to adopt local zoning ordinances that represent local jurisdictions and the citizens they serve.

WHEREAS, Potential legislation threatens local control over matters of planning and zoning.

WHEREAS, Such legislation limiting the ability of local government to evaluate and regulate compatible land uses would by extension interfere with the opportunity for local citizens to have a voice in local planning and zoning matters.

WHEREAS, On August 8, 2023, Ordinance 17.29 was unanimously passed by the board of Spink County Commissioners.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 17.29 requires a minimum of 2,640 foot setback from certain pipeline facilities.

WHEREAS, Ordinance 17.29 was strongly supported by many of the citizens of Spink County who made their voices heard during the public hearings.

WHEREAS, Spink County voters support local control and voted by a margin of 67% to 33% to defeat RL 21 in the November 2024 election.

WHEREAS, the board of Spink County Commissioners continues to support counties, municipalities, and townships having the authority to adopt appropriate regulations for each unique jurisdiction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Spink County Board of Commissioners, that we oppose any legislation that limits or eliminates the local control of counties, municipalities, and townships in matter of planning and zoning.

Dated this 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2025, at Redfield, South Dakota.

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Chairman  
Brian Johnson, Spink County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

  
\_\_\_\_\_, Auditor  
Theresa Hodges, Spink County, South Dakota

