

**RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AN ADVISORY REFERENDUM TO THE VOTERS OF MADISON COUNTY REGARDING THE POSSIBILITY OF SEPARATING FROM COOK COUNTY TO FORM A NEW STATE**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Madison, Illinois is a duly organized and existing county created and operating under the provisions of the Illinois Counties Code and the laws of the State of Illinois; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Illinois Election Code provides that any public question authorized by statute shall be initiated in accordance with 10 ILCS 5/28-1 and 5/28-5; and,

**WHEREAS**, the County Board of the County of Madison, Illinois find it to be in the best interests of the County of Madison, Illinois to put a non-binding, advisory referendum question on the ballot regarding whether the County of Madison, Illinois should correspond with the boards of other counties of Illinois, outside of Cook County, about the possibility of separating from Cook County to form a new state and to seek admission to the Union as such, and that said question should be submitted by referendum to the County of Madison electorate at the November 5, 2024 general election.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Board of Madison County that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to place on the November 5, 2024, General Election Ballot in Madison County the following non-binding, advisory, public question in accordance with applicable law:

Shall the board of Madison County correspond with the boards of other counties of Illinois, outside of Cook County, about the possibility of separating from Cook County to form a new state and to seek admission to the Union as such, subject to the approval of the people?

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**APPROVED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024 by the Madison County Board of the County of Madison, Illinois.

Respectfully submitted,

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Stacey Pace, Committee Chair

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April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024 by the County Board of Madison County, Illinois.

Mick Madison  
Mick Madison, Chairperson Pro Tem

**ATTEST:**

Linda Andreas  
Linda Andreas, Madison County Clerk