RES. 02-05-24A A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF MENDOTA, ILLINOIS RECOGNIZING REIMAGINE MENDOTA'S COMMUNITY HEART & SOUL PROJECT AND DEVELOPED VALUE STATEMENTS

WHEREAS, the volunteers of Reimagine Mendota have been engaged in a one-year innovative exploration of community values and prepared value statements for the City of Mendota; and

WHEREAS, extensive public input shaped the values through the course of public events, activities, surveys, and personal interviews; and

WHEREAS, countless volunteer hours were devoted to engage all voices in the community, particularly those who may have been missing from other planning processes; and

WHEREAS, all of the information gathered were used to develop value statements that were reviewed and approved by residents;

WHEREAS, the recognition of these values will provide a value-based decision-making process for policies, planning, and development for the City of Mendota,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF Mendota, Illinois, to recognize the following statements as deeply-shared values that can provide helpful guidance and insights as we engage our residents and future business development in shaping the future of our city:

Mendota Residents Value Our:

- 1. People. We love the small-town feel of our friendly, caring community where people can engage and connect, creating a sense of home.
- 2. Community. We are dedicated to sustaining a safe environment, excellent schools, and community activities that make Mendota a great place to live and raise families.
- **3. Businesses.**We value our local businesses, services, and healthcare systems, providing home-town convenience in meeting everyday needs.
- **4. Recreation.** We cherish our lakes and parks that enhance the quality of life and connection to the community and others.
- 5. Events. We treasure our long-standing events while embracing new activities that reflect our evolving community and bring our community together.
- Location. We appreciate Mendota's location as a crossroads of highways and rails, giving us convenient access to larger cities while still benefiting from living in a small town.
- 7. **History**. We take pride in our unique history and encourage growth and revitalization so all can feel like they belong.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the Mendota, Illinois City Council on this 5th day of February, 2024.

David Boelk, Mayor