JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE CASS COUNTY
COUNCIL AND CASS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
RESOLUTION NO. 2024-03

In accordance with Indiana Code 36-1-7-1 et. Seq., the **Cass County Commissioners and Cass County Council, together with the City of Logansport, Town of Galveston, Town of Onward, Town of Royal Center and Town of Walton,** all of which entities are located in Cass County, Indiana, agree to enter into an Interlocal Governmental Agreement (the "Agreement") and agree as follows:

Whereas, The Indiana Stellar Pathways program is a multi-agency partnership designed to recognize smaller communities and regions to assist in community and economic development;

Whereas, through an annual designation, the Stellar Pathways program provides resources for transformative quality of place, community and regional improvements by fostering regional collaborative behaviors and investments.

Whereas, the Stellar Pathways Designees have the opportunity to apply for funding and support from various Indiana agencies which funding includes, but is not limited to:

Program	OCRA	INDOT	IHCDA	ISDH	DNR	ISDA	IDDC
CDBG Planning	$8,000,000 $200,000						
Rural Federal Aid Program		3,000,000					
Health & Wellness Program				$75,000			
Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) Homebuyers vs. home renters			$1,500,000 Per Community Housing Development Organization				
Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF) Historic Preservation Fund (HPF)					Bonus Points; 5% to LWCF Bonus Points; 20 to HPF		
Indiana Agricultural Grant Program						$100,000 per community towards agricultural initiatives	
Indiana Destination Marketing Package							$50,000 - $100,000 of marketing in-kind services

Whereas, Cass County, City of Logansport, Town of Galveston, Town of Onward, Town of Royal Center and Town of Walton (hereinafter referred to individually as a "regional partner" and collectively as "the Regional Team") have collectively come together as a region to apply for the Stellar Pathways program.

Whereas, the implementation of a successful Stellar Pathways program requires other resources including the sustained commitment of a staff and of the governing bodies of the Regional Team; and

Whereas, the Regional Team members now desire to enter into this Interlocal Governmental Agreement ("Agreement") which will ensure that the sustained commitment exists to provide the support and structure necessary to successfully apply for and implement the Stellar Pathways program.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by **Cass County, by and through the Cass County Commissioners and the Cass County Council,** that:

1. **Cass County** has partnered with the City of Logansport, the Town of Galveston, the Town of Onward, the Town of Royal Center, and the Town of Walton for participation in the Stellar Pathways program creating **Cass County *Re-Imagined***
2. Cass County *Re-Imagined* has attended a mandatory Stellar Pathways program workshop(s).
3. If chosen as a Stellar Pathway participant, will develop a Strategic Investment Plan with a qualified consulting team.
4. Will present the Region's Strategic Investment Plan to the Stellar Pathways Committee.
5. If chosen as a Stellar Pathways Designee, will implement Strategic Investment Plan projects and programs with the use of set-aside funding, bonus points, and annual funding rounds within five years of designation.
6. And will attend quarterly meetings during those -years to measure project completion, success, and obstacles.

Passed and Adopted on this __*18th*__ of March, 2024.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CASS COUNTY, INDIANA:

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David Redweik, President

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Tracy Williamson

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Shawn Shoemaker

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Bruce Ide

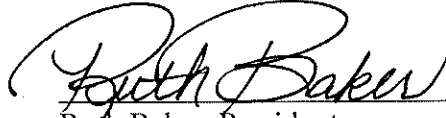_____
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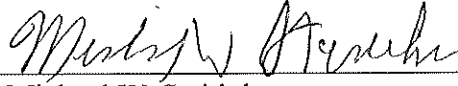
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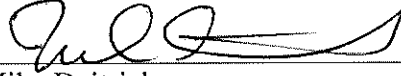Ruth Baker, President
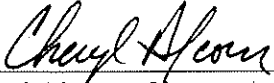
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Michael W. Stajduhar

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Attest:

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Cheryl Alcorn, County Auditor