**RESOLUTION NO.** 6-27-2024

## A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF ALDERMEN IN THE CITY OF WELDON SPRING, MISSOURI OPPOSING THE PROPOSAL TO CLOSE THREE BRANCHES OF THE ST. CHARLES CITY/COUNTY LIBRARY

WHEREAS, the closure of three St. Charles City/County Library branches would result in a significant loss of access to critical resources such as books, educational programs, internet services, and community gathering spaces; and

WHEREAS, the Kisker Road Library branch serves as a vital community resource in Weldon Spring, providing essential educational, technological, and social benefits to residents of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the Kisker Road Library branch plays a crucial role in promoting literacy, lifelong learning, and civic engagement among Weldon Spring residents and neighboring communities; and

WHEREAS, the convenient location of the Kisker Road Library branch ensures equitable access to its resources, particularly for Weldon Spring residents who may have limited transportation options; and

WHEREAS, the closure of the Kisker Road Library branch would impose undue hardship on many residents, including students, seniors, and families, who rely on its services for academic support, research assistance, and community engagement.

## NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF WELDON SPRING, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1:** That the City of Weldon Spring recognizes the indispensable role of the Kisker Road Library branch in supporting literacy, education, and community engagement in Weldon Spring and surrounding areas.

**SECTION 2:** That the City of Weldon Spring opposes the closure of the Kisker Road Library branch and any other branch if the St. Charles City/County Library System and commits to working collaboratively with stakeholders, including local government entities, to identify sustainable funding and operational solutions to keep the branches open.

**SECTION 3:** That the City of Weldon Spring directs the relevant authorities to explore all available options, including budget reallocations, fundraising efforts, and partnerships with community organizations, to secure the future of these Library branches.

<u>SECTION 4</u>: That the City of Weldon Spring encourages continued community involvement and input in the decision-making process regarding these Library branches, ensuring transparency and accountability throughout any deliberations related to its future.

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**SECTION 5:** That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Board of Trustees of the library system, and other relevant stakeholders as an expression of the City of Weldon Spring's strong support for preserving all branch libraries for the benefit of current and future generations.

Read and adopted this <u>27th</u> day of <u>June</u>, 2024.

Donald D. Licklider, Mayor

Attest:

William C. Hanks, City Clerk 1934 2