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RESOLUTION FOR SUPPORT OF REDISTRICTING EFFORT

WHEREAS, Brown County has grown to a population of 38,301 and is the fourth most populous county in South Dakota according to the 2020 census numbers; and

WHEREAS, since 2011 Brown County has been divided into three separate legislative districts and has had between three and five legislators who reside within our county during this time, and

WHEREAS, for many years prior to 2011, Brown County had portions of two legislative districts and had six legislative members who resided in the county, and

WHEREAS, it is critical that both Brown County's rural and municipal populations receive representation in the state legislature; and

WHEREAS, only one Brown County district is not mathematically possible, while three Brown County districts would significantly water down representation.

WHEREAS, Brown County would be best represented by two legislative districts, with each district including a portion of Brown County unincorporated and a portion of Aberdeen City.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE BROWN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, do hereby urge the current House and Senate committees of the South Dakota Legislature, entrusted with the duty of recommending new legislative boundaries, to establish no more than two districts within the boundaries of Brown County and to split the unincorporated areas of Brown County and Aberdeen City, so both may be adequately represented by those two districts.

Dated this 21st day of September, 2021

Approved by the Commission:

Doug Fjeldheim, Chairman