



ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY & MUSEUM

Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Advisory Board

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FUNDING FOR THE PAPERS OF
ABRAHAM LINCOLN PROJECT**

WHEREAS the Papers of Abraham Lincoln Project has existed since 1985 and has identified and made available virtually every known document written by Abraham Lincoln or received by Abraham Lincoln; and

WHEREAS the Papers of Abraham Lincoln Project seeks to provide digitization and access for all Lincoln documents to the public-at-large in the State of Illinois, as well as nationally and internationally; and

WHEREAS the Papers of Abraham Lincoln Project has operated and functioned, in part, pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement between the University of Illinois – Springfield, the State of Illinois with collaboration and financial contribution from private donors and organizations including the Abraham Lincoln Association; and

WHEREAS uncertainties have arisen regarding the continued funding of the Papers of Abraham Lincoln Project pursuant to the intergovernmental agreement and private partner collaboration that threaten the mission and existence-in-fact of the project by causing the loss of personnel and employment compensation; and

WHEREAS grant funding obtained from United States governmental programs and agencies may be lost due to decisions past and pending by Illinois executive agencies and officers;

NOW THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED BY THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN PRESIDENTIAL LIBRARY and MUSEUM ADVISORY BOARD that Illinois Governor Bruce Rauner, and if appropriate, the Illinois General Assembly, is requested to identify and assign Illinois State financial resources to meet cost-sharing requirements of existing and future federal grants sufficient to maintain and continue the work of the Papers of Abraham Lincoln Project and to direct the execution of any and all intergovernmental agreements and documents as may be required.

Adopted the 17th day of September, 2015

For the Board:


J. STEVEN BECKETT, Chair