

**Authorizing the Letter of Intent to Consolidate
The Pipestone HRA's Housing Choice Voucher Program**

WHEREAS, the Mankato EDA administers the Housing Choice Voucher program funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide tenant-based and project-based rental assistance vouchers to meet the housing needs of Very Low-Income households in Blue Earth County; and

WHEREAS, the Mankato Economic Development Authority (EDA) has identified through the Affordable Housing Action Plan in 2023 a need to increase the supply of affordable housing available to low-income households.

WHEREAS, The Pipestone HRA administers the Housing Choice Voucher program funded by the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) to provide tenant-based rental assistance vouchers to meet the housing needs of Very Low-Income households in Pipestone County.

WHEREAS, The Pipestone HRA's Housing Choice Voucher program has a history of underutilization with lack of eligible families seeking assistance to make rental costs affordable in their jurisdiction desires to consolidate their vouchers with another housing agency in the region; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development may approve voluntary consolidations of budget authority and corresponding baseline units for the Housing Choice Voucher program when requested by a letter of intent; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mankato EDA has the capacity to administer these additional vouchers and are committed to serving populations within Pipestone County under a contractual agreement with the Pipestone HRA. The Mankato EDA authorizes a letter of intent to consolidate the Pipestone vouchers effective July 1, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Susan MH Arntz, the Executive Director, is authorized, on behalf of the Mankato EDA to execute this letter of intent to consolidate the Pipestone HRA's Housing Choice Voucher program budget authority and 53 baseline vouchers.

This resolution shall become effective immediately upon passage.

Adopted on this 10th day of March 2025.

Najwa Massad, Board Chair

Attest:

Susan MH Arntz, Executive Director