

# Sangerfield Democratic Committee

## Resolution in Favor of Development of a Food Cooperative in Waterville

**WHEREAS** the village of Waterville has not been served by a full-service supermarket for several years, and

**WHEREAS** residents of Waterville, Sangerfield and Marshall are dependent on convenience stores for a limited supply of packaged food products and seasonal roadside farm stands for vegetables, and

**WHEREAS** a commute of 10 miles or more must be made from Waterville to patronize a supermarket, and

**WHEREAS** such supermarkets often import groceries from hundreds of miles away, contributing to atmospheric pollution and climate change, and

**WHEREAS** Waterville is situated in the heart of a rich agricultural district where a wide variety of foods are grown or produced, and

**WHEREAS** Waterville would provide a centrally located marketplace for local produce, and

**WHEREAS** considerable interest has been voiced toward starting a food cooperative, and

**WHEREAS** a food cooperative, through the volunteerism of its members, may avoid certain costs that might otherwise jeopardize a commercial grocery venture,

**THEREFORE** the Sangerfield Democratic Committee supports the development of a food cooperative in Waterville that promotes the sale of local products and encourages Waterville and Sangerfield officials to give such an endeavor due consideration.

Adopted this 15th day of February, 2022.

Respectfully,

*Town of Sangerfield Democratic Committee*