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RESOLUTION
Proclamation

WHEREAS, the people of Mitchell County have long been known for their love of books and their admiration for authors who write of rural life on the prairie, and

WHEREAS, Hamlin Garland, a significant 19th and early 20th century writer, drew deeply on his Mitchell County boyhood to write his greatest novels: Son of the Middle Border, Daughter of the Middle Border, and Boy Life on the Prairie, and Main Travelled Roads, his finest short story collection, and

WHEREAS, Hamlin Garland received America's most prestigious literary award, the Pulitzer Prize, for Daughter of the Middle Border, and

WHEREAS, Hamlin Garland's novels and poetry influenced writers of later generations to understand prairie life and accurately portray it, and

WHEREAS, Hamlin Garland is still widely read throughout the world, and

WHEREAS, the hundred and fiftieth anniversary of Hamlin Garland's birth occurs in September, 2010,

NOW, THEREFORE, WE, The Mitchell County Board of Supervisors, Stan Walk , Joel Voaklander, and Bob Marreel do hereby proclaim September, 2010, as

Hamlin Garland Month in Mitchell County.

And encourages all citizens to honor Hamlin Garland's memory by reading his books; attending events and viewing exhibits in local libraries; and remembering the brave, hard working pioneers whose lives formed a basis for this great author's work.