***Nipissing and Area Food Charter Organizational Endorsement Form***

***Whereas,*** *a food system includes all of the activities related to how food is produced, processed, distributed, accessed, consumed and disposed of;*

***Whereas,*** *food charters are used to highlight collective food-related goals and values of community members, organizations and/or municipalities within a region;*

***Whereas****, the*  ***(organization)\_\_****recognizes the important role organizations have in shaping local food systems, given the potential impact of food related initiatives on the health of the population, economic development, preserving the environment, promoting tourism and supporting local producers;*

***Whereas****, the* ***(organization)*** *believes the Nipissing and Area Food Charter will guide the work related to promoting a healthy, sustainable food system for the region,*

***Whereas,*** *the* ***(organization)*** *values the pillars of health and wellness, sustainable economic development, social equity, the environment, food literacy, and culture, as* *outlined in the Nipissing and Area Food Charter;*

***Now Therefore Be it Resolved****, that the* ***(organization)*** *endorse the Nipissing and Area Food Charter, and*

***Furthermore Be It Resolved****, that the* ***(organization)*** *will support efforts related to creating public policies and supportive environments that promote a healthy, sustainable food system within the region.*