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CHEBOYGAN COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 21-14

OPPOSING MICHIGAN SECRETARY OF STATE "BY APPOINTMENT ONLY"

WHEREAS, Michigan Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, recently stated Michigan residents will always need an appointment to conduct business at a Secretary of State branch office and suggested making this permanent change as an improvement in service; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of State called walk in service at the branches an "antiquated, inefficient, take-a-number system that nobody liked"; the reality is that most people do want the option to walk into a branch office for service at their convenience; and

WHEREAS, these changes have been established without input from constituents, who are directly affected by this sweeping change and web-based services, which completely replaces the need for walk in service at the branch offices, many older residents and those without computers or internet will simply be turned away at the Secretary of State door; and

WHEREAS, not only Cheboygan County residents but all residents of the State of Michigan should have the ability to renew and make changes to all necessary documentation timely and locally through services provided by the Michigan Secretary of State; that this change will significantly reduce the convenience of public services; and

WHEREAS, while some industry changes were positive during the Covid-19 pandemic and made sense, this will negatively impact rural counties, such as Cheboygan, where residents are over twenty miles from a Secretary of State self-service station and a large majority of the population are over sixty years of age; and

WHEREAS, these changes will frustrate citizens who would just like their license renewed or to be able to sell a vehicle, without having to wait days, weeks or longer for an appointment or even drive to a different service area to accomplish these simple tasks;

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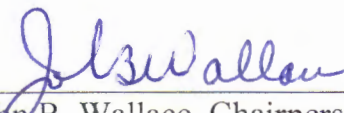
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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners hereby **STRONGLY** opposes 'By Appointment Only', but supports the value of BOTH online and walk in service and believes the best practice for flexibility and choice for the public is a hybrid model for Cheboygan County residents and the entire State of Michigan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson, Senate and House Leaders, and Michigan Association of Counties.

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.

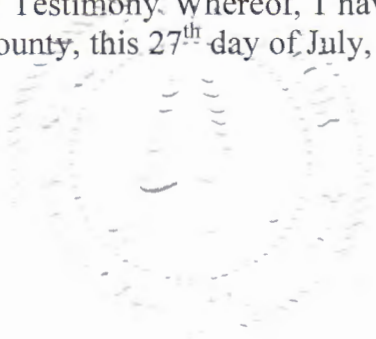

Dated: July 27, 2021



John B. Wallace, Chairperson
Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners

I, Karen L. Brewster the undersigned, the Clerk of the County of Cheboygan, Cheboygan County, Michigan, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the Cheboygan County Board of commissioners at its regular or reconvened meeting held on July 27, 2021, relative to adoption of the resolution therein set forth; that said meeting was conducted and public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with the Open Meetings Act, being Act 267, Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, and that the minutes of said meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required by said Act.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Court and County, this 27th day of July, 2021.

Karen L. Brewster
Cheboygan County Clerk/Register