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Resolution “Clean Water Act”

WHEREAS, in August 2015, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) implemented a regulation for the Definition of Waters of the U.S. under the Clean Water Act, which has since been temporarily halted by the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals; and

WHEREAS, both agencies are seeking a rule change to give the federal government more authority by expanding the definition of “navigable waters” in the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, the rule change would subject almost all physical areas with a connection to downstream navigable waters, including features such as ditches, natural or man-made ponds and fold plains, to the jurisdiction of the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, that under the rule change, Michigan’s Wetlands Law will be in violation of the Clean Water Act; and

WHEREAS, if Michigan loses delegated authority and must work directly with the Corps, the agency can take months or years to answer a permit application, and can even deny permits with impunity; and

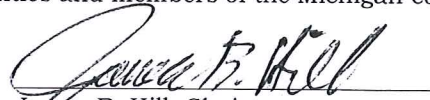
WHEREAS, the change will cause significant harm to local, farmers, stall the development of businesses, take control of land used for sustainable food production out of our local providers’ hands, and negatively impact county-owned and maintained infrastructure such as roadside ditches and county drains; and

WHEREAS, Michigan has robust programs to protect water quality in our state; and

WHEREAS, the rule change would bring enormous costs to our farms, municipalities and taxpayers.

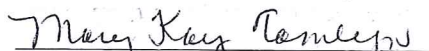
THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mackinac County Board of Commissioners wholly support preventing the furtherance of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers proposed rule expanding the definition of “Waters of the United States” and requiring these agencies to work with state and local governments on rule development; and

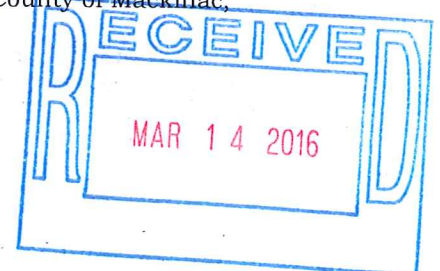
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be provided to all Michigan Counties, Governor Rick Snyder, the Michigan Association of Counties and members of the Michigan congressional delegation.


James B. Hill, Chairman

I, Mary Kay Tamlyn, Clerk of the County of Mackinac and of the County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the Board at their regular meeting on March 10, 2016.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal for the County of Mackinac, this March 11, 2016 at St. Ignace, Michigan.


Mary Kay Tamlyn, County Clerk



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RESOLUTION – FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

WHEREAS, in 2015, the Center for Public Integrity and Global Integrity conducted a national study of state ethics and transparency laws and safeguards, in which the State of Michigan was ranked last; and

WHEREAS, some of the reasons cited for the State's poor ranking was weak public records laws and the absence of laws requiring personal financial disclosures by lawmakers and top state officials; and

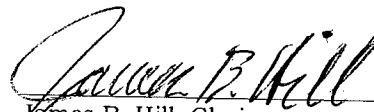
WHEREAS, another glaring issue cited was the exemption of the governor and the legislature from state open records laws; and

WHEREAS, the State has required transparency from local municipalities through EVIP and CIP, yet the State has to not take the opportunity to lead by example; and

WHEREAS, Mackinac County Board of Commissioners feels it is time that the State lawmakers and top officials stop exempting themselves from the laws that they expect others to follow; now

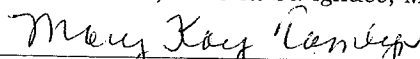
THEREFORE, BY IT RESOLVED that the Mackinac County Board of Commissioners urges State lawmakers and top officials to stop the hypocrisy of exempting themselves from the laws that they enact for the governance of the State of Michigan, of which they are included; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Michigan counties, Senator Wayne Schmidt, Representative Lee Chatfield, Governor Rick Snyder, and the Michigan Association of Counties.


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RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE SECTION 298 OF THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

- WHEREAS, Hiawatha Behavioral Health has served for more than 45 years as the public mental health and developmental disabilities services provider for this community, serving over 1,200 residents of Chippewa, Mackinac and Schoolcraft Counties each year; and
- WHEREAS, Hiawatha Behavioral Health was created by the Chippewa, Mackinac and Schoolcraft County Boards of Commissioners as duly authorized under 330.1205 of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and
- WHEREAS, Hiawatha Behavioral Health and 4 other community mental health service programs representing 14 counties created a regional entity to manage Medicaid specialty services as duly authorized under 330.1204b of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and
- WHEREAS, Hiawatha Behavioral Health includes persons and family members of persons receiving mental health and disability services on the Board of Directors as required under 330.1222 of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and
- WHEREAS, Hiawatha Behavioral Health and 4 other community mental health service programs representing 14 counties have required representation from local communities and persons and/or family members of persons receiving mental health and disability services be included on the regional entity Board of Directors managing Medicaid specialty services; and
- WHEREAS, Section 298 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2017 effectively nullifies the duly authorized actions taken by Hiawatha Behavioral Health and the 4 other community mental health service programs to create a regional entity under section 330.204b of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and
- WHEREAS, Section 298 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2017 transfers all Medicaid and Healthy Michigan funding for specialty services to private entities with no accountability to the Chippewa, Mackinac and Schoolcraft County Boards of Commissioners; and
- WHEREAS, Section 298 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2017 transfers all Medicaid and Healthy Michigan funding for specialty services to private entities with no accountability to persons and/or family members of persons receiving mental health and disability services from Hiawatha Behavioral Health; and