



# County of Muskegon

## R E S O L U T I O N

### RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE MICHIGAN CIVIL RIGHTS INITIATIVE TO AMEND ARTICLE I OF THE MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION

WHEREAS, the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners recognizes the importance of diversity in its employment and public services, businesses and municipal governments; and

WHEREAS, the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners currently administers an Affirmative Action program to eliminate barriers based on race, ethnicity, national origin, age, gender and religion; and

WHEREAS, the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners desires to continually promote equal opportunity for all its citizens through public employment, public transportation systems, public parks, public services, the legal system and public contracting; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative, if approved would ban all efforts to promote inclusion and equity for our citizens access to public employment, education, housing and many other services; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative, if approved, could have a devastating impact on programs and opportunities for people of all backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Civil Rights Commission has documented and reported allegations of voter fraud perpetrated by the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative and that the instances of misrepresentation regarding the content of the ballot are not random or isolated; and

WHEREAS, the West Michigan Chamber of Commerce, including Grand Rapids, Holland and Muskegon has adopted resolutions in opposition to the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners would like to state for the record its opposition to the proposed Michigan Civil Rights Initiative; and further

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners urges its citizens to vote "no" on the Michigan Civil Rights Initiative ballot proposal in the November election and further urges the local municipalities within the County of Muskegon to adopt similar resolutions

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners directs its County Clerk to send this signed and sealed resolution to Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, U.S. Senator Carl Levin, U.S. Senator Debbie Stabenow, U.S. Representative Hoekstra, State Senator Gerald VanWoerkom, State Representatives Doug Bennett and David Farhat, the Michigan Association of Counties, the other 82 Michigan counties, and our local cities, townships and villages.

#### CERTIFICATION

We hereby certify that this Resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the County of Muskegon, Michigan held at the Michael E. Kobza Hall of Justice on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2006.

*Karen N. B. O.*