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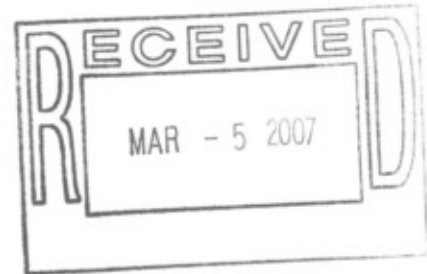


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**Montmorency County
 Board of Commissioners**

Resolution No. 07-03



**In Opposition to MDNR Transfer of Public Land to a
 Private Firm or Individual Under Specific Circumstances**

At the regular meeting of the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners held in Atlanta, Michigan on the 28th day of February, 2007, the following action was taken:

- WHEREAS,** pursuant to PA 451 of 1994, under Michigan law the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) has the authority to transfer certain land to private corporations, and/or individuals after due diligence; and
- WHEREAS,** one such property located in Montmorency Township, Montmorency County, Michigan described as the following, Town 32 North, Range 3 East, Section 23 – South ½ of the Northeast ¼ and the Southeast ¼ of the Northwest ¼; Parcel number 60-006-223-000-020-00 is a subject of such transferal by the MDNR; and
- WHEREAS,** within these properties is the only public access to Cranberry Lake and the bridge that traverses the Thunder Bay River; and
- WHEREAS,** this bridge is the only access that many land owners have to their property; and
- WHEREAS,** new owners could legally cut off access to other owner's properties by posting said parcel(s) if this MDNR transferal takes place; and
- WHEREAS,** the Montmorency Township Board at their monthly meeting held on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 passed a motion "not to support said transfer"; and
- WHEREAS,** the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners concurs with the Montmorency Township Board decision due to the fact that said MDNR action could cause needless hardship for the owners of these properties by forcing them to trespass in order to access their own lands, thereby breaking the law; and
- WHEREAS,** such action could eventually lead to confrontation between land owners;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners hereby opposes MDNR transfers of public lands where such issues may result.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Tony Stamas, Representative Matt Gillard, Rebecca Humphries (Director – MDNR), the MDNR Land Transfer Commission, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

PRESENT:

Commissioner Roger Frye, Chairman
Commissioner Albert LaFleche
Commissioner Paul Wingate
Commissioner Kathy Podzikowski
Commissioner Zachary Weaver

ABSENT:

None

On a motion by Commissioner Wingate, and supported by Commissioner Podzikowski:

Yeas 5

Nays 0

Motion Carried

I, Cheryl Neilsen, County Clerk, hereby certify that this is a true and accurate copy of the resolution adopted by the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting held on February 28, 2007.


Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk