## MECOSTA COUNTY RESOLUTION #2008-18

## CORRECTIONS OFFICERS COMPULSORY ARBITRATION ACT-HOUSE BILL 6112

- WHEREAS, House Bill 6112 has been introduced in the House, and
- WHEREAS, House Bill 6112, if passed, will create a new act known as the Corrections Officers Compulsory Arbitration Act to provide a binding arbitration procedure for the resolution of labor disputes; and
- WHEREAS, this act would create a procedure that mirrors what is known as Act 312 compulsory arbitration which currently applies to police officers and fire fighters, and not to corrections officers; and
- WHEREAS, compulsory arbitration of labor disputes has proven to be a costly and time-consuming process by which a third party decides the terms and conditions of collective bargaining agreements instead of the parties themselves; and
- WHEREAS, compulsory arbitration promotes an adversarial labor-management solution and discourages continued negotiations toward mutually obtained collective bargaining agreements; and
- WHEREAS, the proposed act has been reviewed by the Board of Commissioners of Mecosta County, now
- THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners hereby goes on record in strong opposition to HB 6112.
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mecosta County Clerk be directed to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Michelle McManus, Representative Darwin Booher, Michigan Association of Counties, and the other 82 Michigan Counties.

## CERTIFICATION:

I hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Mecosta, State of Michigan, at a Regular Meeting, held on September 4, 2008.

Marcee Purcell, Mecosta County Clerk and Clerk for the Mecosta County Board of Commissioners.

