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Oakland County Clerk/Register of Deeds

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Elections Division

May 29, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find a certified copy of Miscellaneous Resolution #08081 – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – SUPPORT FOR HOUSE BILL 5872 – PENALTIES FOR COPPER AND SCRAP METAL THEFT which was adopted by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners on May 22, 2008.

As the County Clerk/Register, I have been instructed to provide you with a certified copy of this adopted resolution. Please forward Miscellaneous Resolution #08081 to the appropriate persons. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Ruth Johnson
Clerk/Register of Deeds
County of Oakland

Enclosure (1)

Miscellaneous Resolution # 08081

BY: Commissioners Hugh D. Crawford, District #9, Eileen T. Kowall, District #6

RE: Board of Commissioners – Support for House Bill 5872 – Penalties for Copper and Scrap Metal Theft

TO: Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS copper theft is a growing crime that has a devastating economic impact on homebuilders, construction companies, farmers and utility companies; and

WHEREAS our vital communications infrastructure, such as 9-1-1 service, is carried on copper wires. When the wires are cut, stolen and stripped, residents and communities can lack access to emergency services like police, fire and ambulance responders; and

WHEREAS the U.S. Department of Energy estimates that businesses nationwide have lost around \$1 billion from copper wire thefts that have disrupted electricity, slowed construction projects, and broken irrigation networks; and

WHEREAS Representative David Law has introduced House Bill 5872 which proposes to amend the Michigan Penal Code (MCL 750.1 to 750.568) by adding the following section:


Sec. 357c. A person shall not remove scrap metal from a utility pole, telecommunications company property, Government property, utility property, or a jobsite or offer for sale scrap metal stolen from 1 or more of those locations and belonging to another person, without the consent of the owner. A person who violates this section is guilty of a felony punishable by imprisonment for not more than 5 years or a fine of not more than \$10,000.00, or both. As used in this section, "scrap metal" means copper or copper alloy or aluminum or aluminum alloy, or both.


NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby urges the enactment of House Bill 5872 720, in order to address the issue of copper theft and other metals, to protect public safety and to prevent financial loss to businesses and residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby urges members of the Oakland County delegation to the Michigan legislature to vote in favor of House Bill 5872 and urges Governor Jennifer Granholm to sign the resulting legislation.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby requests the Oakland County Clerk to forward copies of this adopted resolution to Governor Jennifer Granholm, to members of the Oakland County delegation to the Michigan legislature, the House Committee on Commerce, the Michigan Association of Counties, and to Oakland County's legislative lobbyists.

Chairperson, we move the adoption of the foregoing Resolution.


Commissioner Hugh D. Crawford
District #9


Commissioner
District # 13


Commissioner Eileen T. Kowall
District #6


Commissioner
District # 1

Thomas F. Muth

Commissioner

District # 4

John F. ...

Commissioner

District # 5

Bill Bullard Jr.

Commissioner

District #

Sue Ann Douglas

Commissioner

District # 12

Christine A. Long

Commissioner

District # 7

Mania Gusten

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District # 17

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Tim Greiner

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District # 11

Nelaine Zach

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District # 22

Vincent Shegoy

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Eric ...

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Mattie McKinney-Watchett

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Resolution #08081

April 24, 2008

The Chairperson referred the resolution to the General Government Committee. There were no objections.

Moved by Long supported by Crawford the resolution be adopted.

Moved by Long supported by Crawford the General Government Committee Report be accepted.

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the report was accepted.

Vote on resolution:

AYES: Gingell, Gosselin, Greimel, Jacobsen, Kowall, Long, Middleton, Nash, Potts, Rogers, Scott, Spector, Woodward, Zack, Bullard, Burns, Coulter, Crawford, Douglas, Gershenson. (20)

NAYS: None. (0)

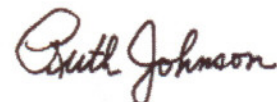
A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the resolution was adopted.

DOES NOT REQUIRE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, Ruth Johnson, Clerk of the County of Oakland, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners on May 22, 2008, with the original record thereof now remaining in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Oakland at Pontiac, Michigan this 22nd day of May, 2008.



Ruth Johnson, County Clerk