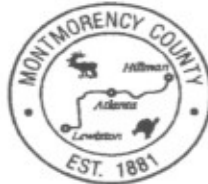


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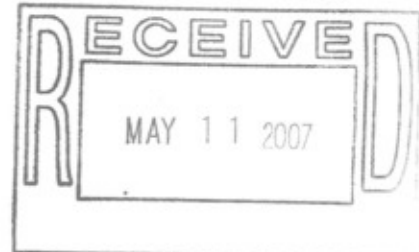
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**Montmorency County
Board of Commissioners**

Resolution No. 07 – 13



To Relieve Increasing Gasoline Retail Prices Within Our Domestic Borders

At the regular meeting of the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners held in Atlanta, Michigan on the 9th day of May, 2007 the following action was taken:

WHEREAS, The Energy Policy Act of 2005 directed the Secretary of Energy to fill the Strategic Petroleum Reserve (SPR) to its billion barrel capacity, and this required the Department of Energy to complete proceedings to select sites necessary to expand the SPR to one billion barrels; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve is the largest stockpile of government-owned emergency crude oil in the world; and

WHEREAS, The SPR provides the President with a powerful response option should a disruption in commercial oil supplies threaten the U.S. economy; and

WHEREAS, An alarming nationwide upward-trend of steadily increasing retail prices for gasoline to unprecedented levels has beset our country which threatens our economy and way of life, and thereby creates untold hardship for consumers and businesses alike; and

WHEREAS, The national retail price for a gallon of gasoline has now exceeded \$3.07 (as of the writing of this document), which was the highest recorded price in the history of our nation dubiously achieved on September 5th, 2005; and

WHEREAS, Less than two weeks ago the U.S. domestic price average for a gallon of regular gas was \$2.87, yet the most recent LUNDBERG SURVEY of 7,000 gas stations nationwide taken on Friday, May 4, 2007, showed an increase of 19.5 cents to \$3.07, up 88.4 cents per gallon since January 19, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Triple "A"/(AAA) reported (5/7/07) that Michigan now holds the dubious distinction being the seventh-highest state in the nation for a gallon of regular gasoline at \$3.188 which exceeds the national average by some 11 cents; and

WHEREAS, The cumulative effect of soaring gas prices negatively impacts every man, woman, and child in this country by placing undue constraints on American budgets throughout the nation, and the domino-effect consequently increases the burden our economy as a whole; and

WHEREAS, By all recent news-accounts increased gasoline prices are unlikely to peak until late August, 2007; and

WHEREAS, Most large oil companies declared record profits in their 2006 year-end statements at the expense of the American consumer, by essentially controlling the supply/demand cycle of petroleum-based products both here and abroad,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Montmorency County Board of Commissioners implores President Bush to:

Immediately release into the American marketplace nationwide some of the SPR reserves equal to an amount that will offset present price increases at the pump, which will in effect reverse the price-increase trend and thereby reduce this very real threat to our national economy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

To solicit bipartisan support from the Michigan Legislature in searching for ways to temporarily reduce gasoline taxes in order to grant certain immediate relief at the pump for Michigan consumers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to President George W. Bush, Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Carl Levin, Senator Debbie Stabenow, Congressional House Representative Bart Stupak, State-Senator Tony Stamas, State-House Representative Matt Gillard, and the National Association of Counties / NACO, and the Michigan Association of Counties / MAC.

PRESENT:

Commissioner Roger D. Frye / Chairman
Commissioner Kathy Podzikowski / Vice-Chair
Commissioner Albert LaFleche
Commissioner Zachary Weaver
Commissioner Paul Wingate

ABSENT:

Excused

Offered by Commissioner LaFleche, and supported by Commissioner Weaver:

Yeas 4

Nays 0

✓ Motion Approved

For the Board:

Dated this 10th day of May, 2007

Roger D. Frye / Chairman,
Montmorency County Board of Commissioners

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 May 9, 2007.


Cheryl A. Neilsen, County Clerk