RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE SECTION 298 OF THE EXECUTIVE BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017

WHEREAS, Sanilac County Community Mental Health has served for more than 50 years as the public mental health and developmental disabilities services provider for this community, serving over 1,000 Sanilac County citizens each year; and

WHEREAS, Sanilac County Community Mental Health was created by the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners as duly authorized under 330.1205 of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and

WHEREAS, Sanilac County Community Mental Health and 3 other community mental health service programs created a regional entity, the Region 10 Prepaid Inpatient Health Plan (PIHP) to manage Medicaid specialty services as required by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and as duly authorized under 330.1204b of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and

WHEREAS, Sanilac County Community Mental Health includes persons and family members of persons receiving mental health and disability services on the Board of Directors as required under 330.1222 of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and

WHEREAS, Sanilac County Community Mental Health and 3 other community mental health service programs have required representation from local communities and persons and/or family members of persons receiving mental health and disability services be included on the Region 10 PIHP Board of Directors managing Medicaid specialty services; and

WHEREAS, Section 298 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2017 effectively nullifies the duly authorized actions taken by Sanilac County Community Mental Health and the 3 other community mental health service programs to create a regional entity under section 330.204b of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 298 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2017 transfers all Medicaid and Healthy Michigan funding for specialty services to private entities with no accountability to the Sanilac County Boards of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, Section 298 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2017 transfers all Medicaid and Healthy Michigan funding for specialty services to private entities with no accountability to persons and/or family members of persons receiving mental health and disability services from Sanilac County Community Mental Health; and

WHEREAS, Section 298 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2017 will result in the elimination of specialty mental health services that are accountable to the communities of persons residing in Sanilac County;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sanilac County Board of Commissioners opposes Section 298 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2017 and encourages the Governor, State Senate, and State House of Representatives to prevent it from becoming law.

Justin K. Faber, Chairman