ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

RESOLUTION NO. 14-2008
OPPOSITION OF 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners hereby goes on record in strong opposition of HB 6112; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Representative Rick Shaffer, Senator Cameron Brown, the Michigan Association of Counties and the other 82 Michigan counties.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
) SS
COUNTY OF ST. JOSEPH)

I, PATTIE S. BENDER, Clerk of the St. Joseph County Board of Commissioners and Clerk of the County of St. Joseph, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the said Board on August 4, 2008

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Court at Centreville, Michigan, this 5th day of August 2008.

Pattie S. Bender, Clerk