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**RESOLUTION**

**IN OPPOSITION TO THE MICHIGAN COMMISSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT  
STANDARDS (MCOLES) 520 HOUR STANDARD FOR POLICE OFFICERS**

**WHEREAS**, the Township police departments throughout the State of Michigan, and Lenawee County in particular, depend, in part, upon part-time law enforcement officers for protection of the citizens and community, and

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of Police is typically responsible for the hiring, budgeting, scheduling, qualifications, and training of those officers in accordance with the logistics and needs of their respective Townships and Villages; and

**WHEREAS**, the MCOLES board has recently adopted administrative changes under PA 203, which would require that each part-time police officer work a minimum of 520 hours per year by 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, only one other state in our nation mandates a minimum number of hours for police officers; said state being Idaho at 120 hours, and

**WHEREAS**, the noted changes will result in significant harm to our local community due to the loss of experienced and qualified part-time police officers, and

**WHEREAS**, said loss of part-time officers will result in either a cut in police protection to our community, or the (unfunded) mandate (and additional expense) of hiring full-time officers, and

**WHEREAS**, the noted changes will have other unintended consequences; such as the likely burden that will be placed on larger agencies, such as Sheriff's Departments and the State Police, with increased call load for this unfunded mandate, and

**WHEREAS**, the primary, statutory responsibility of MCOLES is to oversee minimum training standards for Michigan Police Officers; this proposal does nothing to enhance minimum training standards, and

**WHEREAS**, the current rules, under PA 203, have been in place since 1965, at a time when police officers were employed with little or no training, with little or no post K-12 education, and

**WHEREAS**, current police officers entering the system are more highly trained and highly educated than ever before, with multiple in-service training opportunities available.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners hereby approves this resolution in opposition to the change by MCOLES mandating a 520 minimum number of hours per year for

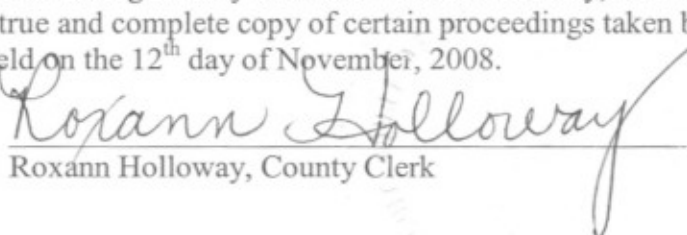
part-time police officers. Said action by MCOLES is an unfunded mandate that takes away local control, will exacerbate budgets, and will ultimately jeopardize public safety.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners requests that this resolution be distributed to Governor Granholm, Senator Brown, Representatives Spade and Simpson, the Michigan Association of Counties, and to all other counties within the State of Michigan for their consideration to intervene in this matter, asking that this rule be rescinded.

Moved by Commissioner Stimpson, seconded by Commissioner Tuckerman, to adopt this resolution.

Yeas: 8 Nays: 0 Abstain: 0 Absent: 1

I, the undersigned, the duly qualified and acting County Clerk for Lenawee County, Michigan, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of certain proceedings taken by the County Board of said County at a regular meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2008.

  
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Roxann Holloway, County Clerk