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RESOLUTION # 2015-17
RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILLS 4947 THROUGH 4966

At a regular meeting of the Manistee County Board of Commissioners held in the Manistee County Courthouse & Government Center, 415 Third Street, Manistee, Michigan, on the 15th day of December, 2015.

PRESENT: Bergstrom, Dontz, Goodman, Hilliard, Marshall, Schmidt, Shafer

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Shafer and seconded by Marshall:

WHEREAS, House Bills 4947 through 4966 would treat seventeen-year-olds as juveniles rather than adults;

WHEREAS, By changing state statutes to define seventeen-year-old defendants as eligible for services in the juvenile justice system, this places pressure on an already under-funded court system and constitutes an unfunded mandate on counties;

WHEREAS, According to the Michigan Department of Corrections, from 2003 to 2013, there were 19,118 seventeen year olds that went through the criminal court system; with additional offenders with lower level offenses not counted in those numbers.

WHEREAS, Manistee County has concerns that the probate court system does not have the financial resources or capacity to handle a new population of offenders;

WHEREAS, Without additional state funding, Manistee County could not absorb the costs of programming for this population in the juvenile system and services to younger offenders could be negatively affected.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Manistee County Board of Commissioners hereby urges the Governor and Michigan Legislature to not pass House Bills 4947 through 4966 as written; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a copy of this resolution is forwarded to Governor Snyder, Senator Darwin Booher, Representative Ray Franz, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
)ss.
COUNTY OF MANISTEE)

I, Jill M. Nowak, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Manistee County Board of Commissioners at its regular monthly meeting held on the 15th day of December, 2015, by the following vote:

YEAS: 7 Bergstrom, Dontz, Goodman, Hilliard, Marshall, Schmidt, Shafer

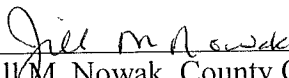
NAYS: 0 None

NOT VOTING: 0 None

I further certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true, correct and complete transcript of the original of said Resolution appearing on file and of record in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the County of Manistee this 15th day of December, 2015.

CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION
MANISTEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN



Jill M. Nowak, County Clerk

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