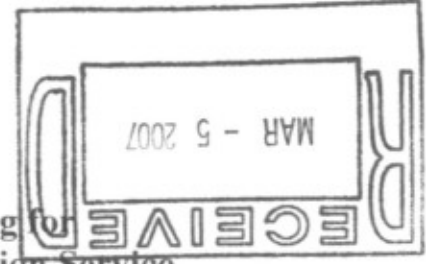


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**Resolution to Support Equitable Funding for
Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service**

February 27, 2007

Whereas the Michigan State University Cooperative Extension Service programming is vital to the Hillsdale County community in the areas of leadership development, 4-H and youth-oriented agricultural training, promotion of healthy lifestyles, education and support of decision-makers, community planning and resource preservation, and preparing our county for an expanding bio-economy, and

Whereas Hillsdale County is able to further leverage State and Federal dollars, as well as various grants through its commitment of \$182,725, and

Whereas any reductions in State funding would impair the agency's ability to provide these important services, and

Whereas, as an arm of an educational institution, MSUE, should receive the same increase of 2.5 % for the next fiscal year as is planned for other higher education entities.

Therefore be it resolved that the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners opposes any funding reductions to MSU Extension, and recommend that it receive financial support equivalent to other institutions of higher learning.

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution are to be forwarded to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Cameron Brown, Representative Bruce Caswell, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

Respectfully submitted,

Brad Densmore, Chair
Senior and Community Services

Maxine Vanlerberg, Chair
Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners