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RESOLUTION #2019-16

MANISTEE COUNTY RESOLUTION REQUESTING TO DECLARE THE GREAT LAKES COAST A DISASTER AREA AND SEEKING ASSISTANCE

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 19th day of November 2019:

PRESENT: Bergstrom, Dontz, Goodman, Jaquish, Lagerquist, Schmidt

ABSENT: Batzer

The following resolution was offered by Goodman and seconded by Bergstrom:

WHEREAS, record high water levels in the Great Lakes, as well as the bays and rivers connected to them, have contributed toward major erosion on beaches and shorelines all across the State of Michigan during high water levels and currently throughout 2019; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the Michigan winter with ice flows and jams will continue to worsen the already bad situation throughout the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are Michigan's most vital and precious resource; and

WHEREAS, the County of Manistee realizes the effects of storms, high water, and wind driven wave action that are causing severe erosion of the shoreline; and

WHEREAS, the public trust doctrine states that the sovereign holds in trust, for the public use, the resources such as the shoreline regardless of private property ownership; and

WHEREAS, the 3,288 miles of shoreline in the State of Michigan must be protected as referred to in the Public Trust Doctrine; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are the State of Michigan's economic and property value driver for the tax base along the shoreline and connecting tributaries; and

WHEREAS, the conditions of the Great Lakes shoreline affects businesses and the tourism industry by limited access to the beaches; the loss of property along the shoreline directly affects the local, county, and state tax base; and the effects on municipal water systems and the inland waters levels throughout the state are all affected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Manistee County Board of Commissioners requests that the Governor of the State of Michigan along with the State Legislature declare the Coast of the Great Lakes in the State of Michigan a disaster area,

and seek assistance from Congress and the President of the United States for this devastating situation which has an impact statewide.

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 a regular meeting held on the 19th day of November, 2019, by the following vote:

YEAS: 6 Bergstrom, Dontz, Goodman, Jaquish, Lagerquist, Schmidt

NAYS: 0 None

ABSENT: 1 Batzer

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. I further certify that the meeting was held and the minutes therefore were filed in compliance with Act No. 267 of the Public Acts of 1976.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the County of Manistee this 19th day of November, 2019.

CLERK OF THE COUNTY COMMISSION
MANISTEE COUNTY, MICHIGAN



Jill M. Nowak, County Clerk