



**LAKE COUNTY  
MICHIGAN**

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION # 1914**

**SUPPORTING PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION TO ADOPT 4-YEAR TERMS FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

**WHEREAS** the 1963 Michigan Constitution stipulated four-year terms for the county Board of Supervisors, the preceding body to today's Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS** the Legislature voted in 1966 to abolish Boards of Supervisors and formally replace them with Boards of Commissioners after the 1968 elections; and

**WHEREAS** Public Act 261 of 1966 promulgated that the length of terms for the new county commissioners shall be concurrent with that of state representatives, as specified in Article IV, section 3 of the Michigan Constitution; and

**WHEREAS** the scope of duties of a county commissioner has greatly increased in the last century — road patrols, indigent defense, mental health treatment and substance abuse prevention programming, solid waste pick-up and disposal, food and water supply safety, park operations, economic development efforts, emergency management and response; and

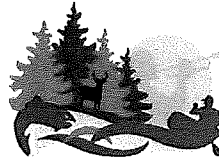
**WHEREAS** Michigan is one of only five states in the United States that provides for exclusively two-year terms for county commissioners; and

**WHEREAS** all other county and township elected officials in Michigan are elected to terms of at least four years; and

**WHEREAS** the position of county commissioner is a highly complex oversight role that requires years to master; and

**WHEREAS** legislation to amend state law to enact four-year terms has been filed in the form of House bills 4937-38 and Senate Bills 504-505; and

**WHEREAS** the Michigan Association of Counties supports the legislation as introduced;



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**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that LAKE COUNTY** supports House Bills 4937-38 and Senate Bills 504-505 to enact four-year terms for county commissioners.

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**COUNTY OF LAKE )**

The Resolution was adopted  
On November 13, 2019

Howard Lodholtz, Chairman  
Lake County Board of Commissioners

I, Patti Pacola, County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution #1914 adopted by the Lake County Board of Commissioners, at a regular session held on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

Patti Pacola  
Lake County Clerk

