



**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF NEWAYGO  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

At a regular session of the said Board, held in the City of White Cloud, in said County,  
on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of November 2019, the following Resolution was adopted:

**RESOLUTION #11-019-19  
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.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Newaygo County Board of Commissioners supports House Bills 4937-38 and Senate Bills 504-505 to enact four-year terms for county commissioners.

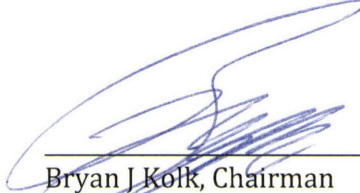
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Whitmer, Senator Bumstead, Representatives Van Singel, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

Motion by: Maike, Supported by: DeLaat, to adopt the foregoing Resolution.

The Ayes being: Bird, Cooper, DeLaat, Kolk, Kruithoff, Maike, Trapp

Nays: None Absent: None

The Resolution was adopted  
on November 13, 2019.



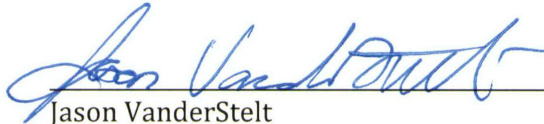
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Bryan J Kolk, Chairman

Newaygo County Board of Commissioners

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



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Jason VanderStelt

Newaygo County Clerk