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RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GREAT LAKES SHORELINE BE DECLARED A DISASTER AREA AND TO SEEK ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, record high water levels in the Great Lakes have contributed to ongoing shoreline erosion across the State of Michigan, and

WHEREAS, Lake Superior water levels have caused severe damage to public infrastructure in the City of Marquette, and

WHEREAS, Lake Superior water levels are forcing the relocation of Lakeshore Boulevard in the City of Marquette, which is costing in excess of \$7 million for the relocation of the road and compromised public infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, Lake Superior water levels are causing detrimental environmental impacts at other various industrial legacy sites along the shoreline, and

WHEREAS, the County of Marquette recognizes the effects of storms, high water, and wind driven wave action that is causing severe erosion to the shorelines, infrastructure, and private property along the Great Lakes, and

WHEREAS, the conditions of the Great Lakes shorelines directly affect business and tourism in Marquette County and the State of Michigan by limiting access to beaches, boat landings, and parks along the shorelines, and loss and damaged property directly affects the local, county, and state tax base, and

WHEREAS, Marquette County, as well as other shoreline communities in the State of Michigan are desperately in need of additional resources to combat shoreline erosion and protection of natural resources.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Marquette County Board of Commissioners requests that the Governor of the State of Michigan along with the State Legislature declare the Shoreline of the Great Lakes in the State of Michigan a disaster area, and that the Governor and State Legislature seek assistance from Congress and the President of the United States of America for this devastating situation which has an impact statewide.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Ed McBroom, Representative Beau LaFave, Congressman Jack Bergman, Senator Debbie Stabenow, Representative Sara Cambensy, Senator Gary Peters, and all of the counties in the State of Michigan

Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0 Absent: 1

I, Linda K Talsma, Marquette County Clerk and Clerk of the County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify this to be a true and exact copy from the minutes of the regular meeting of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners held on February 18, 2020.