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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, the Great Lakes water levels have caused severe damage to public infrastructure, and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes water levels are forcing the relocation of roads and infrastructure costing in excess of millions of dollars for the relocation of the roads and compromised public infrastructure, and

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

WHEREAS, the Upper Peninsula Counties that have land bordering the Great Lakes recognize 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 Upper Peninsula tourism 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, the 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 Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners (UPACC) 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 Debbie Stabenow, Senator Gary Peters, the U.P. Legislators, the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) and the Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress (UPCAP).

Dated: 3/9/20



Jonathan Mead
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