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RESOLUTION

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND SAFE SCHOOLS

WHEREAS, the Office of School Safety created under Michigan Public Act (PA) 435 of 2018, alongside Michigan Public Act 670 of 2018, identifies the department of Michigan State Police as being the exclusive agency responsible for all Michigan schools with respect to, but not limited to education, training, reporting and building assessments pertaining to safety and security using an all-hazards approach; and

WHEREAS, the Upper Peninsula (Region 8) Public Act 390 programs, have been undertaking safe school training and safe school professional development since 2005; and

WHEREAS, current Michigan law requires Emergency Management to oversee school drills; and

WHEREAS, the appointment of school safety to the department of Michigan State Police circumvents the underlying core function of emergency management, which is placing school safety programs under the umbrella of all-hazards emergency management planning; and

WHEREAS, local responders and local Public Act 390 emergency management programs are far more aware of school dynamics, as they have on-going working relationships with school staff, regularly communicate, plan, and exercise emergency action plans with said schools; and

WHEREAS, funds for a new division could be better used by redistributing to existing local emergency management Public Act 390 programs that are already providing safe school protocols in their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, the Office of School Safety should be established within the Michigan State Police department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (MSP EMHSD), which under Michigan Public Act 390 of 1978 statutorily appoints the MSP EMHSD as the administrator of emergency management within Michigan and the fiduciary for the distribution of grant monies across all Michigan's 83 counties in collaboration with local emergency managers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mackinac requests the Michigan Legislature amend the Office of School Safety placing it within the MSP EMHSD to coordinate the distribution of school security funds with local community response personnel and local Public Act 390 emergency managers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all Upper Peninsula counties, the Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress (UPCAP), the Michigan Townships Association, the Michigan Association of Counties, Upper Peninsula Legislators, and the Governor.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Moved by: Mcphee

Supported by: Patrick

Ayes: Hill, Litzner, Krause, Mcphee, Patrick

Nays: None

Absent: None

I, Lori Johnston, Clerk to the Mackinac County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify and set my seal to the above resolution as adopted by the Mackinac County Board of Commissioners at their regular meeting held on the 12th day of March 2020.


Lori Johnston, County Clerk


James B. Hill, Chair