

**RESOLUTION  
SUPPORTING THE CITIZENS FOR LOCAL CHOICE BALLOT INITIATIVE  
03282024 – LC**

**Whereas**, local units of government should be able to determine for themselves which projects should, or should not, be in their local communities; and

**Whereas**, Public Act 233 of 2023 strips away local community control with regards to wind and solar energy operations. The Act places authority to make these decisions for local communities in the hands of the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC); and

**Whereas**, Public Act 233 of 2023 removes the responsibility for which local officials are elected, that being, to protect the health safety and welfare of their residents as well as act in the best interests of their community; and

**Whereas**, the MPSC does not have the fundamental knowledge, background, or interest to know what is in the best interest of the citizens of Crawford County.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Crawford County Board of Commissioners is opposed to this specific legislation, and any other proposed legislation, that bypasses local governmental units and grants authority to some other public body to determine what is in the best interests of the residents of Crawford County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Crawford County Board of Commissioners supports the statewide ballot initiative that is being promoted by the Citizens for Local Choice, a grassroots coalition of local officials and community organizers across Michigan. This group is working to amend the Clean and Renewable Energy and Energy Waste Reduction Act to, among other things, repeal Part 8 of Public Act 233 of 2023. To restore local control of land use to ensure reasonable regulation in our widely diverse communities; and

**BE IT FURTHER REOLVED**, that this resolution be forwarded to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Michele Hoytenga, Representative Ken Borton, the Michigan Association of Counties and all other 82 counties in the state of Michigan.

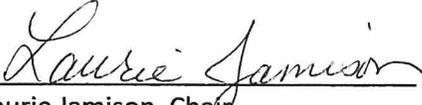
**APPROVED AS TO FORM**

Commissioner Jamison	Yes	Commissioner Kraycs	Yes
Commissioner Frederick	Yes	Commissioner Powers	Absent
Commissioner Goscicki	Yes	Commissioner Jansen	Absent
	Commissioner Lewis	Yes	

**ADOPTED DATE:** March 28, 2024

I, Jamie McClain, Clerk of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners and Clerk of the County of Crawford, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the said Board on March 28, 2024.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Court at Grayling, Michigan, on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

  
Laurie Jamison, Chair  
Crawford County Board of Commissioners

  
Jamie L. McClain  
Clerk/ROD

**RESOLUTION**  
**SUPPORTING THE PROTECT MI KIDS BILL PACKAGE**  
**04112024 – PMK**

**Whereas**, tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death and disability in Michigan and contributes greatly to heart disease, cancer, and stroke; and

**Whereas**, Michigan is one of only ten states that does not require retailers to obtain a license to sell tobacco making effective enforcement almost impossible; and

**Whereas**, Senate Bills 651 and 652 seek to establish a statewide Tobacco Retail Licensing (TRL) program, requiring all establishments selling nicotine or tobacco products to obtain a license, thereby enhancing compliance with existing tobacco sales regulations, and reducing youth initiation to nicotine and tobacco; and

**Whereas**, Senate Bill 647 aims to repeal preemption provisions that prohibit local governments from enacting ordinances and regulations pertaining to the sale or licensure of tobacco products, empowering local communities to implement tailored tobacco control measures to protect their residents, and particularly their youth; and

**Whereas**, Michigan currently has no state tax on e-cigarettes or vaping products that contain nicotine and has not increased its tax on cigarettes in nearly 20 years; and

**Whereas**, Michigan spends less than 10% of the recommended amount on tobacco prevention programs as set by the Centers for Disease Control; and

**Whereas**, Senate Bill 648 proposes to establish a new tax on e-cigarettes and increase taxes on cigarettes and other tobacco products, with revenue generated dedicated to tobacco prevention and cessation programs, tax enforcement, and enforcement of smoke-free air laws, aligning with evidence-based strategies to reduce tobacco use, especially among youth; and

**Whereas**, flavored tobacco products play a key role in youth initiation and continued use of tobacco. More than 80% of 12 – 17-year-olds who have ever used a tobacco product start with a flavored product. 67% of youth have reported using these products “because they come in flavors [they] like.” More than 72% of current tobacco users surveyed have reported using a flavored tobacco product in the past month; and

**Whereas**, Senate Bills 649 and 650 are intended to prohibit the sale of flavored tobacco products including flavored e-cigarettes and menthol-flavored cigarettes, recognizing the significant role flavors play in driving youth initiation to tobacco and nicotine products; and

**Whereas**, Minors can be criminally charged for attempting to purchase, use, or possess tobacco products and research shows that penalizing children is not an effective strategy for reducing youth smoking; and

**Whereas**, Senate Bills 653 and 654 repeal provisions in the Youth Tobacco Act that impose civil and criminal penalties on minors for purchasing, using, or possessing tobacco products.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Crawford County Board of Commissioners support the Protect MI Kids Bill Package and urge the Michigan Legislature to swiftly pass these critical bills to protect the health and well-being of Michigan’s children and youth; and

**BE IT FURTHER REOLVED**, that this resolution be forwarded to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Michele Hoytenga, Representative Ken Borton, the Michigan Association of Counties and all other 82 counties in the state of Michigan.

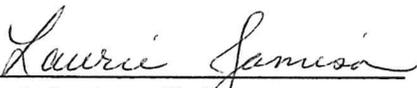
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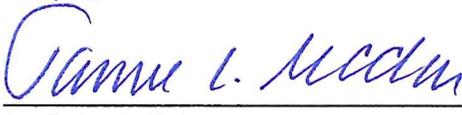
Commissioner Jamison	Yes	Commissioner Kraycs	Absent
Commissioner Frederick	Yes	Commissioner Powers	Yes
Commissioner Goscicki	Yes	Commissioner Jansen	Absent
	Commissioner Lewis	Yes	

ADOPTED DATE: April 11, 2024

I, Jamie McClain, Clerk of the Crawford County Board of Commissioners and Clerk of the County of Crawford, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by the said Board on April 11, 2024.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County and Court at Grayling, Michigan, on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2024.

  
Laurie Jamison, Chair  
Crawford County Board of Commissioners

  
Jamie L. McClain  
Clerk/ROD

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE SUPPORT A  
SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN FUNDING FOR MICHIGAN 2-1-1 IN THE FISCAL YEAR 2025  
BUDGET

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

APRIL 17, 2024

WHEREAS, our local United Way for Southeastern Michigan, is the operator of Michigan 2-1-1 for Washtenaw, Wayne, Macomb, Oakland and Lapeer Counties; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan 2-1-1 is a service provided at no cost to Michigan residents, and connects them with thousands of health and human services agencies and resources right in their communities - quickly, easily, and confidentially; 24 hours a day, 365 days a year via phone, email, live chat, and online databases; and,

WHEREAS, Michigan 2-1-1 has supported Washtenaw County during natural disasters, including regional flooding, power outages, extreme weather conditions and global crises, including providing information about COVID-19 testing and vaccination locations; and

WHEREAS, nearly 6,000 individuals from Washtenaw County have contacted Michigan 2-1-1 for assistance with housing, tax preparation, job training, utility assistance, food, and other resources in just the last year alone; and

WHEREAS, Washtenaw County recognizes United Way for Southeastern Michigan's 2-1-1 service as an essential part of our human service infrastructure, connecting individuals and families in need with critical assistance in times of crisis.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners requests the Michigan Legislature to support an additional \$7 million in funding for Michigan 2-1-1 in the FY2025 budget.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to the Washtenaw County delegation of both the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives; the Majority Leader of the Senate; the Speaker of the House; Governor Gretchen Whitmer; and as a communication to other Michigan Counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners directs the County Administrator to instruct the counties' contracted lobbying firm to advocate on behalf of this legislation in the Michigan House of Representatives and the Michigan State Senate.

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A
Beeman	X			Maciejewski	X			Somerville	X		
Hodge	X			Rabhi	X						
LaBarre	X			Sanders	X						
Lyte	X			Scott	X						

CLERK/REGISTER'S CERTIFICATE - CERTIFIED COPY

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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STATE OF MICHIGAN )

I, Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register of said County of Washtenaw and Clerk of Circuit Court for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners at a session held at the County Administration Building in the City of Ann Arbor, Michigan, on April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024, as it appears of record in my office. In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Ann Arbor, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024.

COUNTY OF WASHTENAW)<sup>SS</sup>.

LAWRENCE KESTENBAUM, Clerk/Register

BY: \_\_\_\_\_



Deputy Clerk



Res. No. 24-089

**EATON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS****APRIL 17, 2024****RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE FY 2025 GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FOR THE REDUCTION OF OPERATIONAL FUNDING TO THE MICHIGAN CONSERVATION DISTRICTS AND THE ELIMINATION OF LOCAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE MICHIGAN AGRICULTURE ENVIRONMENTAL ASSURANCE PROGRAM (MAEAP)****Introduced by the Public Works and Planning Committee**

Commissioner Rogers moved the approval of the following resolution. Seconded by Commissioner Pearl-Wright.

**WHEREAS**, on February 7, 2024, Governor Whitmer released her Executive Budget Recommendation for fiscal year 2025 which included under the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) recommended budget a \$1,000,000.00 cut to Michigan Conservation District's operating budget.

**WHEREAS**, the fiscal year 2025 budget recommendation for MDARD also recommended the termination of local Conservation District Technicians who administer the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program and replace them with 24 State employees.

**WHEREAS**, this recommendation undermines the local conservation delivery system led by local Conservation Districts covering all 83 Michigan counties using the voluntary, non-regulatory, educational approach used all across the country to address natural resources concerns at the local level.

**WHEREAS**, Michigan passed Public Act 297 of 1937 to establish Conservation District's as local units of State Government to work with landowners in every county to address natural resource concerns driven by a five member publicly elected Board of Directors. These Boards establish conservation priorities based on their local needs and voluntarily work with landowners to address critical natural resource concerns, the only organization that can do this on private land with the trust of the landowner.

**WHEREAS**, Michigan Conservation Districts have been critically underfunded for decades. This has left many Conservation Districts without staff to implement programs or provide assistance. Because of this, Michigan Conservation Districts experience high employee turnover which undermines the success of programs and the ability to administer assistance to the public.

**WHEREAS**, Michigan cannot effectively allocate federal funds from the Inflation Reduction Act and Title II of the Farm Bill due to the lack of funding provided by the State of Michigan. This leaves critical federal dollars on the table that is reallocated to other States that can deliver Farm Bill dollars more effectively.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County of Eaton requests that the FY 2025 budget maintain the operational budget for Michigan Conservation District's at \$3,000,000.00 and maintain the Michigan Agriculture Environmental Assurance Program (MAEAP) at its current capacity with local technicians employed by Conservation Districts.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County of Eaton implores the legislature to properly fund Michigan Conservation Districts and work with MDARD and the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts (MACD) to find or develop a restricted funding source to provide Conservation District's with a yearly allocation of \$13,000,000.00.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that copies of this resolution be provided to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Sarah Anthony, Representatives Angela Witwer, Rachelle Smit, Gina Johnson, and Emily Dievendorf, as well as the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development Director Tim Boring and Deputy Director Kathy Angerer and the Michigan Association of Counties. Carried unanimously.

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF EATON

I, Diana Bosworth, certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the resolutions adopted by the Eaton County Board of Commissioners, that such resolutions were duly adopted at a regular meeting held on April 17, 2024, and that notice of such meeting was given as required by law.

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Diana Bosworth, Clerk of the Eaton  
County Board of Commissioners