



COUNTY OF HILLSDALE, MICHIGAN



March 23, 2021

Resolution number 21-035

**The Honorable Board of Commissioners of Hillsdale County, Michigan
adopts the following Resolution:**

Whereas, the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners recognizes the heroic efforts of our front-line workers and first responders and applauds the citizens and businesses who have diligently adhered to mitigation measures; and

Whereas, the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners appreciates the need for appropriate executive and epidemic orders and policies to mitigate the spread of the COVID-19 virus and promote public safety, while also protecting local and state economic interests; and

Whereas, Hillsdale County's cases and positivity rates continue to decline, hospital capacity continues to improve, and the number of citizens who have been vaccinated to protect themselves from the virus increases daily; and

Whereas, Hillsdale County as a border county has seen a magnified effect on our economy due to our citizens being able to drive a short distance to Ohio and Indiana, where restrictions are less; and

Whereas, the proximity of Ohio and Indiana to Hillsdale County has particularly impacted our local restaurant industry which is already struggling to recover from another dine-in closure by a curfew and limited capacity that lacks financial viability for most area establishments; and

Whereas, high density populated urban areas and low density populated rural areas have different response needs; and

Whereas, some local businesses may have received some governmental assistance, it was not enough to offset the loss of revenue due to closures and restrictions, thus many local businesses may be forced to close permanently due to the irreparable economic harm they have experienced throughout the past year and many more will follow if the state does not adopt a new approach to mitigation policies; and

Whereas, Hillsdale County has seen a consistent downward trend in numbers affected by COVID-19, it is now time for all of our businesses, including but not limited to restaurants and banquet facilities, to remain open in accordance with CDC guidelines with industry specific procedures and protocols aimed at containing the spread of COVID-19 in place;

Whereas, Hillsdale County Sheriff and Hillsdale County Prosecutor have declared to not enforce or prosecute unconstitutional mandates pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Now, Therefore Be it Resolved that the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners supports the Hillsdale County Sheriff and Hillsdale County Prosecutor in not enforcing or prosecuting unconstitutional mandates pertaining to the COVID-19 pandemic.

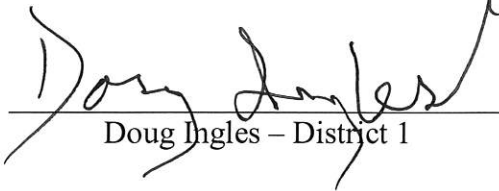
Be it Further Resolved that the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners does not support the expenditure of any county funds for the purpose of arrest and prosecution of any person accused of violating MDHHS emergency orders regarding COVID-19.

Be it Further Resolved the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners calls upon the citizens of Hillsdale County to act responsibly with regards to others while determining for themselves what is best for their own families and loved ones and how to protect themselves from the ongoing risks associated with the COVID-19 virus.

Be it Further Resolved that the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners calls upon the Director of MDHHS to implement a new, regional approach to mitigation that values local input; takes cases, vaccinations, seasonality, and regional differences into consideration; and sets clear benchmarks for easing of restrictions on businesses for the public to follow.

Be it Further Resolved that this resolution is sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, both United States Senators, all Michigan Members of Congress, the Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, the President of the Michigan Senate, Senator Mike Shirkey, Representative Andrew Fink, all counties within Michigan, The Michigan Association of Counties, The Michigan Townships Associations, and Elizabeth Hertel Director of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services.

Respectfully,
Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners



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Kathleen Schmitt – District 2



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Approved by the Board of Commissioners
on March 23, 2021.



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CHEBOYGAN COUNTY RESOLUTION 2021-06 RESOLUTION SUPPORTING A COLLECTIVE EFFORT BY MICHIGAN COUNTIES IN OPPOSING CURRENT AND FUTURE ORDERS UNILATERALLY ISSUED BY GOVERNOR WHITMER AND STATE AGENCIES IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19

WHEREAS, Antrim County, Baraga County, Delta County, Grand Traverse County, Houghton County, Kalkaska County, and Menominee County have recently passed resolutions opposing orders unilaterally issued by Governor Whitmer and various state agencies in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, Cheboygan County wishes to voice our solidarity with the other counties in the State of Michigan in opposing orders unilaterally issued by Governor Whitmer and various state agencies in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 virus has caused an unprecedented time in our history; however, even in the time of crisis the basic civil liberties and foundations of our society must be preserved; and

WHEREAS, Governor Whitmer and the various state agencies do not have authority to unilaterally impose orders that essentially equate into laws. This function is reserved by the Michigan Legislature and is essential to the checks and balances upon the three branches of government; and

WHEREAS, Cheboygan County acknowledges that there are differing opinions on the path to be taken in response to COVID-19; however, those debates and decisions are to be made by the legislators that have been duly elected by the People of the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the draconian orders that have been issued thus far throughout the pandemic have resulted in irreparable harm to the economy, education of youth, and mental health of residents in Cheboygan County; and

WHEREAS, Cheboygan County would like to gesture to other counties in the State of Michigan that Cheboygan County is an ally in any collective effort initiated to challenge the legality of the orders and restrictions issued by Governor Whitmer, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, or any other state agency that were unilaterally imposed without the approval of the Michigan Legislature; and

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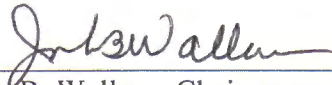
WHEREAS, Cheboygan County does not dismiss the seriousness of COVID-19; however, the response to the threat must be appropriate and justified. Unfortunately, the orders issued by Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services have resulted in, and are indicative of, inflicting future collateral damage to the local economy, small businesses, and families that far exceed the actual threat of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Cheboygan County supports common sense approaches to combat COVID-19, such as: following social distancing recommendations, health screenings for employees and customers, promoting healthy hygienic practices, and encouraging individuals that are considered high risk to continue to self-quarantine and adhere to the strictest recommendations established by the Centers for Disease Control.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners calls upon the Michigan Legislature to fulfill their duty to the People of the State of Michigan and restore the checks and balances essential to our democracy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners support a collective action by the counties in the State of Michigan to challenge the legality of the orders and restrictions put forth unvirtuously in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic by the Executive Branch of Government in the State of Michigan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Whitmer, Senator Schmidt, Representative Allor, Representative Damoose, the Michigan Senate, the Michigan House of Representatives, the Michigan Association of Counties, and to the Clerk of each County in the State of Michigan.



John B. Wallace, Chairperson
Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners

I, Karen L. Brewster, Clerk of Cheboygan County and of the Cheboygan County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted by the Board of Commissioners regular meeting held on March 23, 2021.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the County of Cheboygan on the 23rd day of March, 2021 at Cheboygan, Michigan.




Karen L. Brewster
Cheboygan County Clerk/Register



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RESOLUTION 2021-07

CHEBOYGAN COUNTY RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE BILL 1 2021

WHEREAS, many counties in the State of Michigan have passed resolutions opposing orders unilaterally issued by Governor Whitmer and various state agencies in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic; and

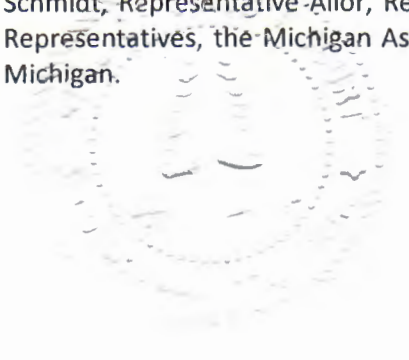
WHEREAS, Cheboygan County wishes to voice our solidarity with the other counties in the State in opposing orders unilaterally issued by Governor Whitmer and the various state agencies in response to the COVID-19 Pandemic: and

WHEREAS, Cheboygan County supports measures to combat COVID-19 such as: following social distancing recommendations, health screenings for employees and customers, promoting healthy hygienic practices and encouraging individuals that are considered high risk to continue to self-quarantine and adhere to the recommendations established by the Centers for Disease Control CDC; and

WHEREAS, "Senate Bill 1 would amend the Public Health Code to require an emergency public health order issued by the Director of the Health Department and Human Services (DHHS) to include information about the rationale for the order, to limit the effectiveness of such order to 28 days unless the legislature approves an extension and to prohibit a new emergency order that addresses the same epidemic as an earlier order without legislative approval".

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Cheboygan County supports the adoption of Senate Bill 1 2021 by the legislature and Governor to insure that orders issued to combat COVID-19 are subject to checks and balances.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Whitmer, Senator Schmidt, Representative Allor, Representative Damoose, the Michigan Senate, the Michigan House of Representatives, the Michigan Association of Counties and to the Clerk of each County in the State of Michigan.



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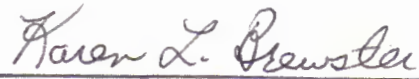
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In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the County of Cheboygan on the 23rd day of March, 2021 at Cheboygan, Michigan.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen L. Brewster". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Karen L. Brewster
Karen L. Brewster
Cheboygan County Clerk/Register

GENESEE COUNTY BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS

RESOLUTION # 2021-200

**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 Senate Bills 242 and 245; and

WHEREAS the Michigan Association of Counties supports the legislation as introduced;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that GENESEE COUNTY supports Senate Bills 242 and 245 to enact four-year terms for county commissioners.

Adopted this 24 day of March 2021



STATE OF MICHIGAN
County of Genesee

CERTIFIED COPY OF RECORD

} **SS.**

I, **JOHN J. GLEASON**, County Clerk/Register of the County of Genesee, Michigan, and Clerk of the Genesee County Board of Commissioners, and Clerk of the Circuit Court for said County, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of Resolution approving of a Resolution Supporting the Passage of Legislation to Adopt 4-Year Terms for County Commissioners with original record thereof now remaining in my office, and that the attached is a true and correct copy therefrom, and of the whole of such original record.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the seal of said Court and County, this 30th day of March A.D. 2021.

**GENESEE COUNTY BOARD
OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**
Resolution No.: 2021-200
Date Adopted: March 24, 2021

JOHN J. GLEASON, Clerk/Register

BY:

Alea Gardner
Deputy County Clerk



**THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY,
MICHIGAN ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION:**

WHEREAS, it has been three months since the Federal Government allocated nearly \$5 billion dollars in COVID relief funds to Michigan; and

WHEREAS, these funds were intended to provide crucial relief to small businesses, public health, and education in our state; and

WHEREAS, the state legislature passed legislation appropriating \$3.5 billion towards these priorities, including nearly \$555 million in small business relief funds; and

WHEREAS, despite bipartisan support for the small business relief proposals, the Governor line-item vetoed all \$555 million, citing "key points of difference" between her administration and the state legislature; and

WHEREAS, these proposals were promptly repackaged into subsequent legislation and sent back to the Governor's desk; and

WHEREAS, on Friday, March 26, 2021, these proposals were vetoed by Governor Whitmer for a second time; and

WHEREAS, the state is due to receive another \$10 billion from the American Rescue Plan Act; and

WHEREAS, Lansing still has not found a path forward on fully appropriating the \$5 billion it already received; and

WHEREAS, if there is one thing state leaders should agree on, it is getting help to the struggling small businesses in our state; and

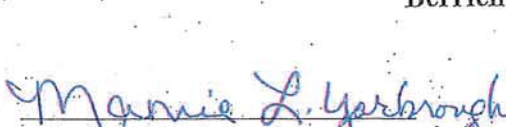
WHEREAS, it is imperative these funds be disbursed to job providers who are still fighting for solvency and survival; and

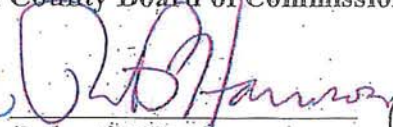
WHEREAS, passing state budgets are a shared responsibility between both branches and both political parties.

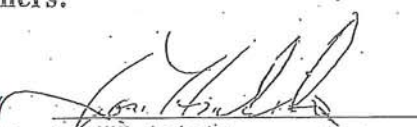
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners urges the Governor's Administration to reach a compromise with the Michigan Legislature and their recommended relief initiatives, in the very near future, that would release these funds into the hands of the businesses and communities that need it most.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners directs staff to forward this resolution to all Michigan counties, our State Legislature, the Governor's office, and the Michigan Association of Counties.

Respectfully submitted,
Berrien County Board of Commissioners:


Mamie L. Yarbrough



Robert P. Harris



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Ezra A. Scott

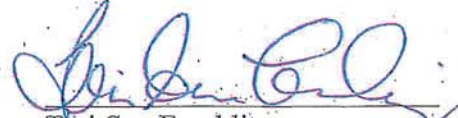

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