

Township/ City / Village of  
Resolution # 2020-09-01

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**Therefore, be it resolved**, that The Board of the (Township/City/Village) of Leighton expresses its support of an Allegan County-wide, ORV ordinance.

**Therefore, be it further resolved**, that the creation of a County-Wide ORV ordinance is the best way to ensure that there is consistency from local unit to local unit and uniform enforcement.

Motion by Hooker, supported by Bonnema

Roll Call:

Ayes \_\_\_ Hooker, Bonnema, Bultema, Deer

Nays \_\_\_ Nieuwenhuis

Clerk's certification....

Mary Lou Nieuwenhuis  
Leighton Twp. Clerk

# OTSEGO TOWNSHIP

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**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** the Board of the Township of Otsego expresses its support of an Allegan County-wide, ORV ordinance.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the creation of a County-Wide ORV ordinance is the best way to ensure that there is consistency from local unit to local unit and uniform enforcement.

The foregoing resolution was offered by Board Member Bryan Winn and support by Board Member Matt McPherson.

Upon a roll call vote, the following vote "Aye": McPherson, Burns, Moll, Bumgart, Lunarde-Alexander, Squibbs, Winn. "Nay": None. "Absent": None.

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

I, Joan Squibbs, acting Clerk of the Township of Otsego, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of said Township at the regular meeting of said board held on September 14, 2020, at which meeting a quorum was present by a roll call vote of said members as herein before set forth; that said resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Township Clerk