

## RESOLUTION

To: The Honorable Board of Commissioners  
Huron County  
Michigan

WE, the HURON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, we, the duly elected Commissioners of Huron County do hereby make a declaration of grave concern expressed honorably with the sworn duty to uphold the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Michigan, and responsibility to serve the people of Huron County. The distress and destruction continuing to impact our county, state, and nation due to Covid-19 is a reality. That lives and livelihoods continue to be lost at alarming rates is not to be disputed; however, the response and actions taken by Gubernatorial leadership must be; and

WHEREAS, it is our strong belief that unfair and imbalanced burdens have been placed on certain sectors of our economy, community groups, and citizenry. That Gubernatorial actions have been largely directed by projections, models, and interpretations that manipulate the majority with fear and as proven, unconstitutional actions that are causing a devastating economic, educational, and social landslide. We believe Governor Whitmer's failed leadership polarized, politicized, and antagonized Michigan leaders in all sectors. The worst of times demand unity, coordination, and balance to protect lives and livelihoods with actions considered by the many hands that hold the responsibility, not the inexperienced lone fist; and

WHEREAS, the Covid-19 shutdown, pause, and mandates have created a desperate situation for our county's constituents, businesses, schools, and organizations; and

WHEREAS, the seasonal nature of our county places a heavy dependence for employment on the food and recreation industries and the loss of these businesses will have long term effects on employment for our citizens. Our businesses appreciate the grant opportunities provided by state and federal government. However, these grants and loans are difficult to apply for when you are a small business with limited resources and bureaucratic experience. Unfortunately, many of these relief funds are not reaching the small fifty and less employee businesses that need them the most. We are asking for uncomplicated application procedures and fair distribution of relief funds to all small businesses. We request temporary State tax reduction and relief for our citizens and businesses. These actions are desperately needed if we are to economically survive this pandemic; and

WHEREAS, our churches and community organizations all are struggling. These organizations, some centuries old, are the very foundation of our society and yet are at risk of economic collapse. Human beings need to be able to come together, especially in these difficult times, to worship, comfort and entertain one another; and

WHEREAS, regrettably, many of our wage earners having been displaced by mandates, have endured unacceptable ongoing difficulties receiving state unemployment benefits. The families and communities supported by their work ethic deserve much better; and

WHEREAS, we are a county of hard-working, law-abiding citizens. As elected officials we believe in, strive for, and stand with law enforcement. However, when "the cure has become worse than the disease", we are obligated to question the continuation of these shutdowns, pauses, and mandates. Mandates which fall into a legally "gray area" at best and exceed the state governments authority at worst.

When such mandates drive our citizens to choose between bankruptcy and civil disobedience just to survive, we have an obligation to act on their behalf; and

WHEREAS, our citizenry desires to see the wheels of our fractured economy turned; their lives to be allowed to return to work and wage; the education of their children be a focus of recovery; and the support of our health care system be funded instead of growing the unemployment line none of them desire to stand in; and

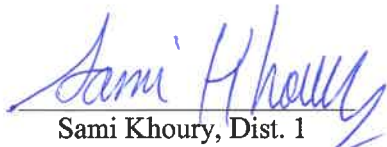
WHEREAS, we call for actions that restore our faith in a Michigan leadership that is unified, not unilateral, and driven by decisions that serve the needs of the many without politicism or sensationalism; and

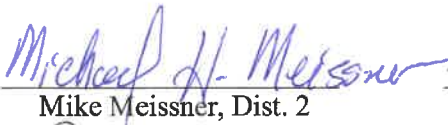
WHEREAS, it is with the utmost serious reflection and responsibility that we stand resolved in our sworn duty to serve our communities and demand our freedom of choice be reinstated; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that on behalf of the citizens of Huron County, we hereby call upon you to immediately end the shutdown and pause, further lifting all State restrictions and mandates on Huron County and Her people, so together we can begin working upon our recovery, now, in this very moment, while that recovery is still possible.

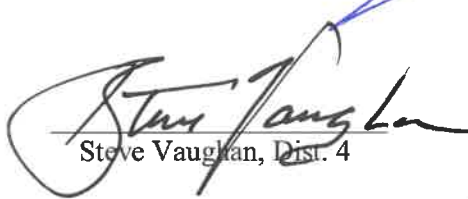
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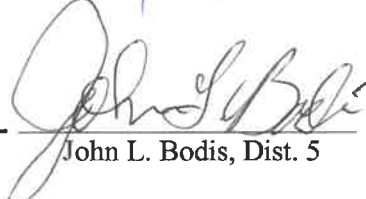
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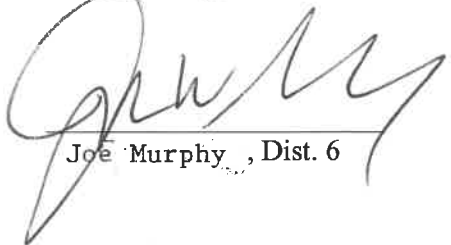
  
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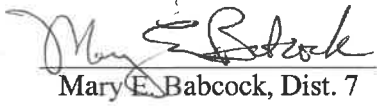
  
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Todd Talaski, Dist. 3

  
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John L. Bodis, Dist. 5

  
Joe Murphy, Dist. 6

  
Mary E. Babcock, Dist. 7

VOICE / ROLL CALL VOTE:

COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	ABSENT	COMMISSIONER	YES	NO	ABSENT
SAMI KHOURY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	JOHN L. BODIS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
MICHAEL H. MEISSNER	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	JOE MURPHY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TODD TALASKI	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	MARY E. BABCOCK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
STEVE VAUGHAN	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>				

RESOLUTION:  ADOPTED                       DEFEATED                       TABLED

Dated: February 9, 2021