RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF WAIVING FEES FOR LICENSES/PERMITS FOR SMALL BUSINESSES SERVICING THE PUBLIC

WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic has placed a substantial public health
risk upon society as a whole;

WHEREAS scientifically tailored public health restrictions to limit the opportunity for spread of COVID-19 amongst services to the public can be a responsible exercise of public health, welfare and safety powers;

WHEREAS many small businesses providing service to the general public that were ordered closed in whole and/or part have yearly licenses and/or permits issued by the State of Michigan;

WHEREAS if safety of society requires closure of small businesses it is inequitable to not provide a waiver in whole and/or part of State of Michigan yearly license and/or permit fees when such activities are ordered closed and/or restricted;

WHEREAS in rural small communities in Iron County, Michigan, small businesses serving the general public are significant centers of economic activity that employ significant numbers of employees and mutually contribute to the economic well being the community;

WHEREAS the small businesses serving the general public have been economically devastated by being unable to serve the general public due to public health orders;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF IRON as representatives of the citizens of Iron County implore the Governor and the Legislature to immediately adopt legislation providing fee waivers of licenses/permit fees required by the State of Michigan for small businesses serving the general public during such periods service to the public is prohibited and/or limited by public health orders;

The foregoing resolution was moved by Stauber and supported by Ofsdahl.

Yeas:

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Nays:

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Absent:

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF IRON

Patti A. Peretto Its Chairperson

Julie Kezerle

Its Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted at a meeting of the BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF IRON held on February 8, 2021.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF IRON

By: Julie Kezerle

Its Clerk

