



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

WHEREAS, in March of 2020, the global pandemic, COVID-19, resulted in local bodies of government having to hold their meetings virtually due to in-person meeting number restrictions put in place at the State level; and

WHEREAS, due to ongoing orders requiring mask wearing and social distancing, the need for meetings to continue being held virtually still exists; and

WHEREAS, while the timeframe to hold meetings virtually was extended through Senate Bill 1246, that window expires on March 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, while a recent MDHHS order expands the number of individuals that gather for a meeting to 25, that window expires April 19, 2021; and

WHEREAS, with the mask wearing and social distancing requirements still in place, Berrien County does not have a facility that would allow for the Board of Commissioners and the public to be present for a meeting; and

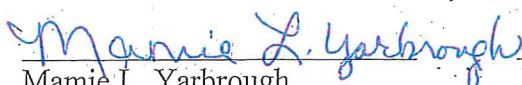
WHEREAS, in addition, after March 31, 2021, the expanded reasons allowing virtual meetings ends; and

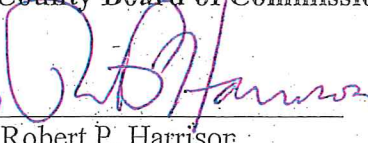
WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 207 would expand that window allowing virtual meeting through June 30, 2021.

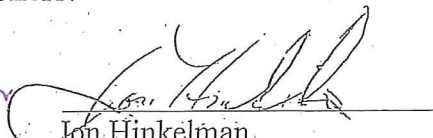
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners supports Senate Bill No. 207 which would expand the window for holding virtual meetings of a public body through June 30, 2021.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the resolution will be forwarded to the Michigan Association of Counties and to all of the legislators representing Berrien County.

Respectfully submitted,
Berrien County Board of Commissioners:


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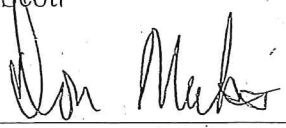

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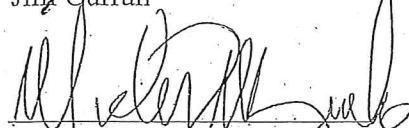

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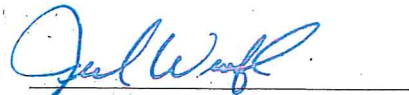

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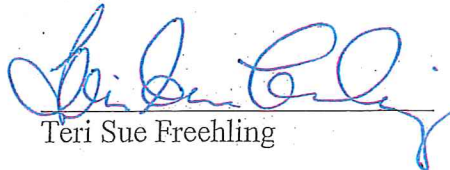

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