

**STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF LAKE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

At a regular session of the said Board, held in the Village of Baldwin, in said County, on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, the following Resolution was adopted:

Resolution # 2022-06

**Opposing Michigan House Bills 4729, 4730, 4731, and 4732**

WHEREAS, Zillow, a for-profit corporation from Seattle, WA, has been lobbying the Michigan Legislature to pass legislation that undermines the integrity of Register of Deeds and Treasurer Offices across the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the legislation that Zillow is lobbying for would require the Register of Deeds and Treasurers Offices across the State of Michigan to provide for-profit corporations copies of any official records maintained by those offices at a significant discount or in some instances for free of any charge. As a result, the tax payers will be responsible for picking up the tab for providing these records and the financial burden created by the loss of revenue for these offices; and

WHEREAS, if these bills become law, Zillow and other for-profit corporations will have the ability to demand the manner in which the Register of Deeds and Treasurer must provide copies of official records; and

WHEREAS, if these Bills become law, they will impose new restrictions and limits on what Register of Deeds and Treasurer Offices can charge for postal cards, and would burden Michigan taxpayers with the cost to provide records to out of state entities and corporate organizations; and

WHEREAS, Zillow and other corporations will capitalize on selling publicly owned records, provided to them free of charge, while at the same time placing Michigan residents at a higher risk for fraud and theft; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of Counties, Michigan Association of County Treasurers, Michigan Association of County Clerks, Michigan Association of Register of Deeds and the Michigan Municipal League are united in opposing Michigan House Bills 4729, 4730, 4731, and 4732,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Lake County Board of Commissioners OPPOSE Michigan House Bills 4729, 4730, 4731, and 4732 as private corporations should not benefit financially from public records at the expense of Michigan tax payers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives, Majority Leader of the Michigan Senate, Representative Scott VanSingel, Senator Curt Vanderwall, MI Association of Counties, Michigan Association of Treasurers, Michigan Association of County Clerk's, Michigan Association of Register of Deeds and the Michigan Municipal League.

Motion by: Arquette, Seconded by: Dermeyer, to adopt the foregoing Resolution.

Ayes (name): Martin Balulis, Todd Sanders, Dermeyer, Arquette and Loholtz

Nays (name): 0

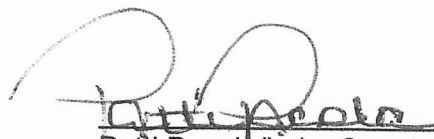
Absent (name): 0

The Resolution was adopted June 22, 2022

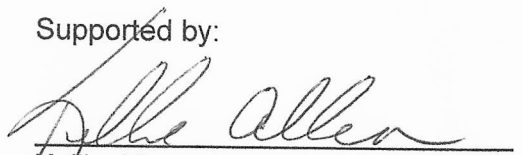
  
Howard Loholtz, Chairman  
Lake County Board of Commissioner

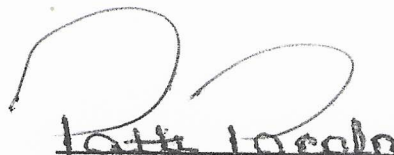
STATE OF MICHIGAN )  
COUNTY OF LAKE ) SS

I, Patti Pacola, Lake County Clerk, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Lake County Board of Commissioner at a regular session held on June 22, 2022.

  
Patti Pacola/Lake County Clerk  
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners

Supported by:

  
Kellie Allen – Lake County Treasurer

  
Patti Pacola – Lake County Clerk/ROD