

**Iron County Board of Commissioners**  
**RESOLUTION**  
**In Support of Election Integrity**  
**as it Pertains to Unregulated Private Monies For Funding Elections**

**Whereas,** Iron County through the Board of Commissioners has the authority to accept or reject a proposed donation/grant to the County in the form of cash, personal property, and real property, and;

**Whereas,** funding and managing elections has always been a government function, not a private one, and for good reason. Private organizations are not subject to the laws for public employees and institutions – they are not required to hold public hearing, cannot be monitored via open records requests and other mechanisms of administrative and financial transparency, are not subject to the normal checks and balances of the governmental process, and are not accountable to citizens if the public disapproves of their actions, and;

**Whereas,** while Iron County did not accept private funding, considering election irregularities across our nation, it is appropriate to implement a new County policy to eliminate any future possibility of private monies being used to skew elections in our County, and;

**Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved,** that the Iron County Board of Commissioners affirms that funding and managing elections is a government function, not a private one, and;

**Be it Further Resolved,** that prior to acceptance or any other action including provision of a donation/grant receipt, County Departments shall submit any proposed donation/grant of cash or personal or real property for use in, or purposes of funding and managing elections to the Board of Commissioners for considering of whether such donation/grant shall be accepted or rejected by Iron County. Proposed donations/grants requiring the Board of Commissioner's approval shall be placed on the agenda for full board of Commissioners' consideration, and;

**Be It Further Resolved,** that it is the position of the Iron County Board of Commissioners that the Board of Commissioners shall not approve or accept donations/grants of private money or personal or real property to the County for the purpose of funding and managing elections, and;

**Be It Further Resolved,** the Iron County Board of Commissioners support a permanent source of State funding to directly support the local administration of elections, and;

**Be It Further Resolved,** that the Iron County Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk to send a copy of this resolution to all Michigan Counties and our State Representative, State Senator and Members of Congress.

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The foregoing resolution was moved by Commissioner JACOB CONERY and

Supported by Commissioner PATTI PERETTO.

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Roll Call Vote:

AYES: PERETTO, STAFFORD, STAUBER, CONERY, OFSDAHL


NAYES: NONE

ABSENT:  
NONE

Resolution Declared Adopted on 9/19/2022:

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF IRON**

By:   
Mark Stauber  
It's Chair

By:   
Julie Kezerle  
It's Clerk