

# **Ontonagon County Board of Commissioners**

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## **RESOLUTION #2023-05**

### **HONORING the Michigan Association of Counties on its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**WHEREAS**, Michigan's 83 county governments play a central role in the proper delivery of, and oversight for, critical public services for the state's approximately 10 million residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Michigan county governments are led by Boards of Commissioners, who are elected from their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Association of Supervisors of Michigan was formed by representatives of 16 counties on Feb. 1, 1898, in the Senate chamber of the Michigan State Capitol in Lansing; and

**WHEREAS**, the association's name was changed to the Michigan Association of Counties on July 17, 1969; and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Association of Counties is the oldest association representing local governments in Michigan; and

**WHEREAS**, 48 of Michigan's 83 counties have had at least one of their commissioners (or supervisors prior to 1968) serve as president of the association's Board of Directors; and

**WHEREAS**, the association created the Michigan Counties Workers' Compensation Fund in 1979 to help county members provide workplace safety and injury insurance services to its employees; and

**WHEREAS**, the association created the Michigan Association of Counties Service Corporation in 1986 to partner with service providers to help counties save money on everything from health insurance to telecommunications services; and

**WHEREAS**, the association hosts two major conferences every year to bring together county leaders for briefings on trending public policy issues and to hear from state newsmakers and others; and

**WHEREAS**, the association's advocacy work in Lansing and beyond has advanced the interests of county governments and the residents they serve; and

**WHEREAS**, no fewer than five association presidents have served or are serving in the Michigan Legislature in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, a testament to the culture of public service inculcated by the association

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that Ontonagon County wishes to commend and honor the Michigan Association of Counties on its 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year.

**Adopted this 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2023**

  
Carl R. Nykanen, Board Chair