

RESOLUTION

Alcona County, Michigan

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF "THE REVISED SCHOOL CODE" HB4284

Whereas, "A nation which does not remember what it was yesterday, does not know what it is today, nor what it is trying to do. We are trying to do a futile thing if we do not know where we came from or what we have been about." - President Woodrow Wilson.; and

Whereas, From our founders the following statements: "**Every child in America should be acquainted with his own country. He should read books that furnish him with ideas that will be useful to him in life and practice. As soon as he opens his lips, he should rehearse the history of his own country.**" and "**It is an object of vast magnitude that systems of education should be adopted and pursued which may not only diffuse a knowledge of the sciences but may implant in the minds of the American youth the principles of virtue and of liberty and inspire them with just and liberal ideas of government and with an inviolable attachment to their own country.**"-Noah Webster, On the Education of Youth in America, 1788, "**I know no safe depository of the ultimate powers of the society, but the people themselves: and if we think them not enlightened enough to exercise their controul with a wholesome discretion, the remedy is, not to take it from them, but to inform their discretion by education. this is the true corrective of abuses of constitutional power**"- Thomas Jefferson to William Charles Jarvis, 28 September 1820.; and

Whereas, "**A Bible and a newspaper in every house, a good school in every district--all studied and appreciated as they merit--are the principal support of virtue, morality, and civil liberty.**"-Benjamin Franklin.; and

Whereas, "Who controls the past controls the future. Who controls the present controls the past." —George Orwell, From 1984.; and

Whereas, Michigan Constitution states: Article 8 – Education - Section 1 – Encouragement of Education - Religion, morality and knowledge being necessary to good government and the happiness of mankind, schools and the means of education shall forever be encouraged.; and

Whereas, Every member of the State ought diligently to read and to study the constitution of his country, and teach the rising generation to be free. By knowing their rights, they will sooner perceive when they are violated, and be the better prepared to defend and assert them. John Jay, First Chief Justice of the supreme Court of the United States, 1797, Charge to the Grand Jury Of Ulster County.; and

Whereas, **New York State Supreme Court Justice Gallagher, Elbert T. opinion Baer v. Kolmorgen December 15, 1958-** Much has been written in recent years concerning Thomas Jefferson's reference in 1802 to "a wall of separation between church and State." It is upon that "wall" that plaintiffs seek to build their case. Jefferson's figure of speech has received so much attention that one would almost think at times that it is to be found somewhere in our Constitution. Courts and authors have devoted numerous pages to its interpretation.; and

Whereas, From 2006 (33%) to 2019 (39%) of the people polled could name all three (3) branches of government (lowest 2016 and 2017 being 26%). This figure was reported higher for those serving in office in Washington D.C. www.annenbergpublicpolicycenter.org; and

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That we, the Alcona County Commissioners support House Bill 4284 to insure all Michigan students are taught the following: ***The American Revolution, Founding documents of the United States, including, but not limited to, the United States Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, and the Federalist Papers, The War of 1812, The Civil War, World War I, World War II, The Korean War, The Vietnam War, and The Civil Rights Movement.***; and

Therefore, Be It Further Resolved, that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Michele Hoytenga, House Representative Cameron Cavitt, State Board of Education Members Marshall Bullock, Ellen Cogen Lipton, Tom McMillin, Judith Pritchett, Pamela Pugh, Mitchell Robinson, Nikki Snyder, Tiffany D. Tilley, and the other 82 Counties in the State of Michigan.