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August 8, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find a certified copy of Miscellaneous Resolution #08125 – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – MICHIGAN'S STRUCTURAL DEFICIT which was adopted by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners on July 31, 2008.

As the County Clerk/Register, I have been instructed to provide you with a certified copy of this adopted resolution. Please forward Miscellaneous Resolution #08125 to the appropriate persons. Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Ruth Johnson
Clerk/Register of Deeds
County of Oakland

Enclosure (1)

REPORT (MISC. #08125)

July 31, 2008

BY: General Government Committee, Christine Long, Chairperson

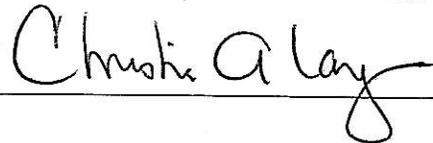
IN RE: **MR #08125 – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – MICHIGAN'S STRUCTURAL DEFICIT**

To: The Oakland County Board of Commissioners
Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The General Government Committee, having reviewed the above-referenced resolution on July 21, 2008, reports with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

Chairperson, on behalf of the General Government Committee, I move acceptance of the foregoing report.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE



GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE VOTE:

Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote with Hatchett, Suarez and Greimel absent.

Miscellaneous Resolution #08125

BY: Commissioner Sue Ann Douglas, District #12

RE: Board of Commissioners – Michigan’s Structural Deficit

TO: Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

WHEREAS the Citizens Research Council (CRC) of Michigan projects that the State of Michigan is facing a budget challenge that is projected to grow at an inexorable rate through Fiscal Year 2017; and

WHEREAS structural deficits are created when the costs of maintaining programs and policies increase faster than revenues. The cause for the increase is identified as being the fact that “virtually every area of the State budget faces spending pressure increases that outpace projected revenue growth”; and

WHEREAS the CRC points out that Michigan’s fiscal future is dismal unless the State’s leaders make substantial policy changes and address projected structural deficits of \$6 billion in Michigan’s General Fund, \$3.6 billion in K-12 School Aid Fund; and \$417 million in the Highway Transportation Fund; and

WHEREAS the growing “gaps” between the State’s projected revenues and spending are in conflict with the provisions in the Michigan Constitution that require the Governor and Legislature to take annual actions to keep spending in line with current revenues; and

WHEREAS although the State of Michigan has technically met the legal requirement of adopting a balanced budget each year since Fiscal Year 2001, this has been accomplished by depleting reserves and using non-recurring resources; and

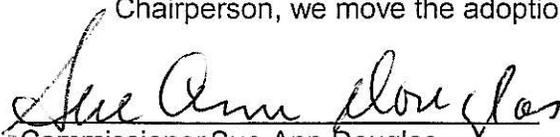
WHEREAS the larger budgetary issue of addressing the structural deficits has remained largely unaddressed; and

WHEREAS the State of Michigan’s escalating budget deficits will have a negative effect on the state’s and local municipalities’ credit rating and will have a devastating impact on Oakland County and other units of government which receive or are scheduled to receive revenue sharing and grants from the state.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners hereby urges Governor Granholm and Michigan’s legislators to make the policy changes necessary to address the State’s structural budget deficits, in order to restore long-term balance to the State of Michigan’s budget and economy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Oakland County Clerk is requested to forward copies of this adopted resolution to Governor Granholm, Oakland County’s cities, villages and townships, Oakland County’s delegation to the Michigan House and Senate, and the leaders of the Michigan House and Senate.

Chairperson, we move the adoption of the foregoing Resolution.



Commissioner Sue Ann Douglas
District #12



Commissioner
District # 13



Commissioner
District # 1



Commissioner
District #

Mike Key
Commissioner
District # 14

Bill Bullard Jr
Commissioner
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Christie A. Long
Commissioner
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Tom Gravel
Commissioner
District # 11

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District # 18

Commissioner
District #

Resolution #08125

June 12, 2008

The Chairperson referred the resolution to the General Government Committee. There were no objections.

Resolution #08125

July 31, 2008

Moved by Rogers supported by Nash the resolutions (with fiscal notes attached) on the Consent Agenda be adopted (with accompanying reports being accepted).

AYES: Burns, Coleman, Coulter, Crawford, Douglas, Gershenson, Gingell, Gosselin, Gregory, Greimel, Hatchett, Jacobsen, Kowall, Long, Middleton, Nash, Potter, Potts, Rogers, Scott, Spector, Woodward, Zack, Bullard. (24)

NAYS: None. (0)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the resolutions (with fiscal notes attached) on the Consent Agenda were adopted (with accompanying reports being accepted).

DOES NOT REQUIRE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ACTION

STATE OF MICHIGAN)
COUNTY OF OAKLAND)

I, Ruth Johnson, Clerk of the County of Oakland, do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners on July 31, 2008, with the original record thereof now remaining in my office.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of Oakland at Pontiac, Michigan this 31st day of July, 2008.



Ruth Johnson, County Clerk