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July 21, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find a certified copy of MISCELLANEOUS RESOLUTION #09130 – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – SUPPORT FOR SAFE PASSAGE OF GREAT LAKES MIGRATING BIRDS IN OAKLAND COUNTY which was adopted by the Oakland County Board of Commissioners on July 15, 2009.

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

Sincerely,

Ruth Johnson  
 Clerk/Register of Deeds  
 County of Oakland

Enclosure (1)

REPORT (MISC. #09130)

July 15, 2009

BY: GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE – Christine Long, Chairperson

RE: **MR #09130 – BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – SUPPORT FOR SAFE PASSAGE OF GREAT LAKES MIGRATING BIRDS IN OAKLAND COUNTY**

To the Oakland County Board of Commissioners

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The General Government Committee, having considered the above titled resolution on June 6, 2009, recommends that the resolution be adopted with the following amendments.

1. Fourth WHEREAS

**WHEREAS** more than 250 species of birds, including warblers, thrushes and tanagers, some declining steeply in numbers, fly over Michigan cities, including Oakland County during their migration seasons; and

2. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

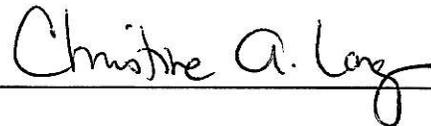
**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners does hereby encourage business owners, building organizations and property owners to cooperate with the Project Safe Passage **Great Lakes** program.

3. 2<sup>nd</sup> BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners encourages local municipalities, business owners, building organizations and property owners throughout Oakland County to cooperate with the Project Safe Passage **Great Lakes** by turning out lights, which will not only spare birds, but save money and energy and reduce pollution. It can be a win-win-win situation for the environment, for building owners and managers, and for the birds.

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

GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

  
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GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Ayes: Taub, Jacobsen, Potts, Hatchett, Nash, McGillivray

Nays: Schwartz, Potter

Absent: Gershenson, Capello, Nash

Motion carried.

Miscellaneous Resolution #09130

BY: Commissioner Shelley G. Taub, District #16

RE: **Board of Commissioners - Support for Safe Passage of Great Lakes Migrating Birds**  
TO: Oakland County Board of Commissioners **in Oakland County**

Chairperson, Ladies and Gentlemen:

**WHEREAS** many small birds such as warblers, wrens, vireos, thrushes and tanagers migrate at night on their way either to their summer breeding grounds or to their wintering grounds, and each year one hundred million to one billion birds die during these night migrations. Tall lighted buildings, five stories and higher, have been shown to be one of their greatest dangers; and

**WHEREAS** it is thought that the lights on tall buildings confuse the navigation systems of birds unlucky to have such buildings in their flight path. They circle the buildings repeatedly and either die of exhaustion or by colliding with the illuminated building. According to scientists at the Field Museum in Chicago, their mortality could be reduced 80% if those building lights were off; and

**WHEREAS** the Detroit Audubon Society is requesting building organizations, government agencies and property owners to reduce the carnage by turning off lights in tall buildings from 11:00 p.m. to dawn from the second weekend in March through May and from the second weekend in August through October; and

**WHEREAS**, more that 250 species of birds, including warblers, thrushes and tanagers, some declining steeply in numbers, fly over Michigan cities, including Oakland County during their migration seasons; and

**WHEREAS**, turning lights off at night in tall structures would save money, reduce pollution, save energy, and save the lives of many birds that fly over our skies at night; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Jennifer Granholm showed her support of this effort by issuing a proclamation naming "Safe Passage Great Lakes Days" - March 15 through May 31 and August 15 through October 31.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners does hereby encourage business owners, building organizations and property owners to cooperate with the Project Safe Passage program.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Oakland County Board of Commissioners does hereby offer our support to the Audubon Society and proclaim the observance of Safe Passage Great Lakes Days in Oakland County, annually, for the periods of March 15th through May 31st and August 15th through October 31st.

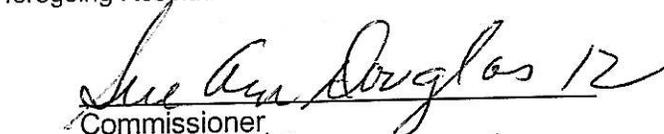
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**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Oakland County Clerk is requested to forward copies of this adopted resolution to Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, the Michigan Audubon Society, the Detroit Audubon Society, Oakland County's cities, villages and townships, the Michigan Association of Counties, and the Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA) of Metropolitan Detroit.

Chairperson, we move the adoption of the foregoing Resolution.

  
Commissioner Shelley G. Taub  
District #16

  
Commissioner  
District # 9

  
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District # 20

  
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Commissioner  
District #

Resolution #09130

June 11, 2009

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

Resolution #09130

July 15, 2009

Moved by Long supported by Taub the resolution be adopted.

Moved by Long supported by Taub the General Government Committee Report be accepted.

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the report was accepted.

Moved by Long supported by Taub the resolution be amended to coincide with the recommendation in the General Government Committee Report.

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the amendment carried.

Discussion followed.

Vote on resolution, as amended:

AYES: Coulter, Douglas, Gershenson, Gingell, Gosselin, Greimel, Hatchett, Jackson, Jacobsen, Long, Middleton, Nash, Potter, Potts, Runestad, Schwartz, Scott, Taub, Woodward, Zack, Bullard, Burns, Capello. (23)

NAYS: McGillivray, Coleman. (2)

A sufficient majority having voted in favor, the resolution, as amended, was adopted.



I HEREBY APPROVE THE FOREGOING RESOLUTION  
ACTING PURSUANT TO 1973 PA 139

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 15, 2009, 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 15th day of July, 2009.



Ruth Johnson, County Clerk