



## CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

### RESOLUTION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE OFFICE OF COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER, ABOLISH THE OFFICE OF CORONER, AND APPOINT A LEAD MEDICAL EXAMINER AND DEPUTY MEDICAL EXAMINER PURUSANT TO THE COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINERS ACT, 1953 PA 181, AS AMENDED, MCL 52.201 ET SEQ.

#### RESOLUTION 2026-28

At a regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, Chippewa County, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, held at the Chippewa County Building, 325 Court Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783 on June 11, 2026, at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Jim Martin, Scott Shackleton, Justin Knepper, Damon Lieurance and Jim Traynor

ABSENT: None

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Shackleton, supported by Commissioner Traynor;

Whereas, the Michigan Legislature enacted the County Medical Examiners Act, 1953 PA 181, as amended, MCL 52.201 et seq., authorizing counties to establish a medical examiner system in place of the office of coroner; and

Whereas, the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners desires to comply with the provisions and requirements of the County Medical Examiners Act; and

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners finds that the County Medical Examiner system is in the best interests of the County and its residents for the proper investigation of deaths as required by law; and

Whereas, the appointed Medical Examiner and Deputy Medical Examiner (s) shall perform all duties and responsibilities prescribed by Michigan law and serve under terms and conditions established by the County.

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners wishes to acknowledge the current appointment of Dr. Paula Rechner as Medical Examiner and Dr. Kyle Raycraft as Deputy Medical Examiner for a term to continue until December 31, 2028, as authorized by the Health Officer; with four-year re-appointments needed January 1<sup>st</sup> following the United State Presidential election per MCL 52.201; and

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Whereas, the scope of services and costs provided by the Medical Examiner are included in the County current budget with Administrative Assistance and research provided through the County Administrator's Office; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners hereby acknowledges the Office of County Medical Examiner in accordance with the County Medical Examiners Act, 1953 PA 181, as amended, MCL 52.201 et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Office of Coroner, to the extent previously existing within the County, is hereby abolished and replaced by the Office of County Medical Examiner pursuant to Michigan law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following individuals will continue as Dr. Paula Rechner, Lead County Medical Examiner and Dr. Kyle Raycraft, Deputy Medical Examiner through December 31, 2028, or until subsequent appointment is made by the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners.

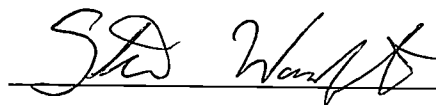
A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES: Jim Martin, Scott Shackleton, Justin Knepper, Damon Lieurance and Jim Traynor

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED**



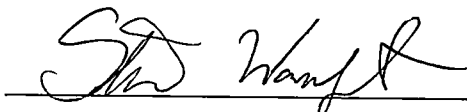
Steven Woodgate, County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN )

) ss.

COUNTY OF CHIPPEWA )

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the County Board of Commissioners of Chippewa County at a regular meeting held on the date first stated above, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.



Steven Woodgate, County Clerk