



**Chippewa County
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-08**

Support Bringing Amtrak to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan

At a meeting of the County Board of the County of Chippewa (the "County"), Chippewa County, Michigan, held on June 12, 2025, located at Sault Ste. Marie, MI 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 and supported by Commissioner Knepper.

WHEREAS, The Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, the governing body for Chippewa County, Michigan, representing Chippewa County, including the city of Sault Ste Marie, the university community of Lake Superior State University, and citizens of Chippewa County, Michigan, as well as the growing Amish community of Chippewa County; and

WHEREAS, Chippewa County residents and visitors don't have access to the national transportation network, which limits economic development, greater access to quality healthcare, improved access to educational opportunities and better employment opportunities; and

WHEREAS, Chippewa County is home to a major tourist destination, the Soo Locks, and also an international border community, which will provide additional passenger catchment for additional return on investment.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners asks for access to the national transportation network for Chippewa County residents and visitors, and that we urge Amtrak (National Railroad Passenger Corporation), the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) Office of Rail, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WISDOT), as well as the United States Department of Transportation (USDOT), to extend the Hiawatha train north of Milwaukee to the Upper peninsula of Michigan utilizing CN rail tracks and refurbished abandoned rail lines, to have stops in Sault Ste Marie, Michigan with St. Ignace, Michigan being the terminus of this route. Furthermore, it is recommended that trains arrive in Chicago at 9:30 AM, using Schedule 332, and the northbound schedule shall be Schedule 339, leaving Chicago at 5:08 PM.

This resolution shall be sent to the USDOT, Amtrak, MDOT, WISDOT, The Northwoods Rail Transit Commission, the Michigan Association of Railroad Passengers, and the Wisconsin Association of Railroad Passengers. The Resolution shall also be sent to the governors of Michigan and Wisconsin, and U.S. Congressman Jack Bergman, and U.S. senators, Peters, Slotkin, and Johnson (WI). Furthermore, it shall be sent to Michigan legislative members, Wisconsin legislative members, and the Michigan Association of counties, for urgent approval support and quick service implementation.


RESOLUTION 2025-08 – Resolution of Support for Bringing Amtrak to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

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

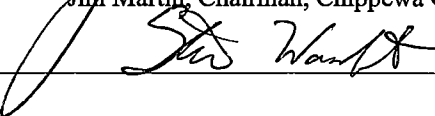
NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED, June 12, 2025



Jim Martin, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners



Steve 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.



Steve Woodgate, County Clerk