

Minutes of a regular meeting of the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners, held at the Chippewa County Courthouse, 319 Court St., Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan on the day of at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Scott Shackleton, Jim Martin, Don McLean, Conor Egan and Bobby Savoie

ABSENT: None

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Commissioner McLean and seconded by Commissioner Martin.

### **RESOLUTION #2020-01**

#### **CHIPPEWA COUNTY RESOLUTION DECLARING GREAT LAKE SHORELINE A DISASTER AREA AND SEEKING ASSISTANCE**

**WHEREAS**, record high water levels in the Great Lakes, as well as the bays and rivers connected to them, have contributed toward major erosion on beaches and shorelines all across the State of Michigan during high water levels and currently throughout 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, it is anticipated that the Michigan winter with ice flows and jams will continue to worsen the already bad situation throughout the Great Lakes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Great Lakes are Michigan's most vital and precious resource; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Chippewa realizes the effects of storms, high water, and wind driven wave action that are causing severe erosion of the shoreline; and

**WHEREAS**, the public trust doctrine states that the sovereign holds in trust, for the public use, the resources such as the shoreline regardless of private property ownership; and

**WHEREAS**, the 3,288 miles of shoreline in the State of Michigan must be protected as referred to in the Public Trust Doctrine; and

**WHEREAS**, the Great Lakes are the State of Michigan's economic and property value driver for the tax base along the shoreline and connecting tributaries; and

**WHEREAS**, the conditions of the Great Lakes shoreline affects businesses and the tourism industry by limited access to the beaches; the loss of property along the shoreline directly affects the local, county, and state tax base; and the effects on municipal water systems and the inland waters levels throughout the state are all affected.

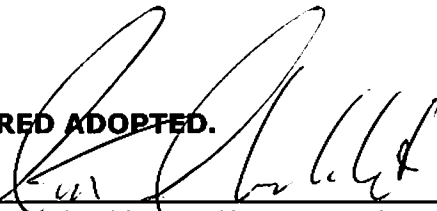
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Chippewa County Board of Commissioners requests that the Governor of the State of Michigan along with the State Legislature declare the shoreline in the State of Michigan a disaster area, and seek assistance from Congress and the President of the United States for this devastating situation which has an impact statewide.

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES: Scott Shackleton, Jim Martin, Don McLean, Conor Egan and Bobby Savoie

NAYS: None

**RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED.**

  
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Scott Shackleton, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners

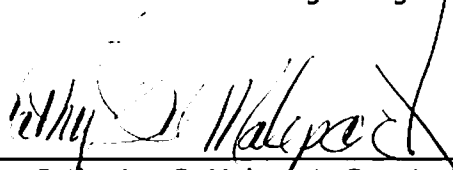
  
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Catherine C. Maleport, County Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN )

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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.

  
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Catherine C. Maleport, County Clerk