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Chippewa County Resolution 13-08

**RESOLUTION  
REQUESTING LEGISLATURE TO IMPLEMENT A PLAN  
TO IMPROVE MICHIGAN ROADS AND HIGHWAYS**

**WHEREAS, County and Municipal roads are deteriorating at a record pace, and**

**WHEREAS, the longer maintenance is deferred due to lack of funding, the more it will cost to bring our local road network back into quality condition, and**

**WHEREAS, investment in our road infrastructure will provide needed improvement by our local road commission to do necessary maintenance and these wages will be spent in Michigan for the sole purpose of funding, to be used for direct road repairs, and**

**WHEREAS, Michigan is losing \$3 million per day and more than \$1 billion per year due to the maintenance costs and increased wear and tear on our roads and bridges, and**

**WHEREAS, since the 1960s, Michigan has ranked among the lowest of all states, per capita, of investing in our local infrastructure, and**

**WHEREAS, poor road conditions contribute to one-third of all fatal and serious traffic crashes in Michigan, and**

**WHEREAS, Michigan's gas tax – the user fee that is the primary source of transportation funding has not increased since 1997. At the same time, the gas tax revenue collected today, adjusted for inflation is equal to that which was collected in 1974, and**

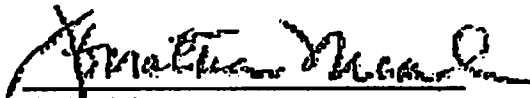
**WHEREAS, we risk a future fiscal crises if we do not increase our investment in transportation. Currently 32% of Michigan's roads are ranked as being in poor condition. By 2018, this number is expected to jump to more than 65%, and**

**WHEREAS, investing \$10 billion over the next ten years to fix Michigan's roads and bridges would create 12,000 jobs and prevent 100 crash related deaths per year,**

**THEREFORE BY IT RESOLVED THAT, the Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners (UPACC) encourage any enhanced revenue to go for direct local road maintenance and not enhanced salaries and benefits for administration, with revenues to be shared equally on a per mile basis, and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Upper Peninsula Association of County Commissioners (UPACC) hereby urges the Governor and the Michigan Legislatures to save lives and improve our economy by making the necessary investments to repair our roads and bridges so that our transportation systems can function at peak performance, and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Snyder, UP Legislators, Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and the Michigan Association of Counties (MAC). Motion passed unanimously.**

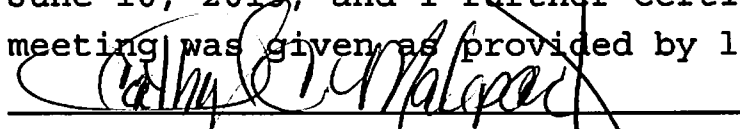
  
UPACC Secretary

May 16, 2013  
Date

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED

STATE OF MICHIGAN            )  
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 June 10, 2013, and I further certify that public notice of such meeting was given as provided by law.

  
Catherine Maleport, County Clerk