

CHIPPEWA COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Opposing Vaccine Mandate from the Federal Government

RESOLUTION #2021-27

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 November 18, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Jim Martin, Robert Savoie, Erik Baron, Scott Shackleton and Ted Postula

ABSENT: None

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

Whereas, President Biden has directed the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) to issue an emergency temporary standard requiring all employers with 100 or more employees to require their employees to be fully vaccinated or to submit to weekly COVID-19 testing; and

Whereas, the County of Chippewa has more than 100 employees and as could be subject to this emergency temporary standard from OSHA as proposed; and

Whereas, the Board is the employer of County personnel and would be charged with enforcing the vaccination/testing mandate, and while it encourages its employees to get vaccinated, it also supports their choice on whether or not to be vaccinated and opposes the federal government mandating that they be fully vaccinated or weekly tested; and

Whereas, the Board recognizes that COVID-19 testing where individuals have no symptoms could lead to false determination of COVID-19 and result in unnecessary isolation and contact tracing, which would needlessly impair its resources; and

Whereas, the Board has recognized that in states or cities with mandatory vaccinations of employees that many employees have quit rather than be vaccinated; and

Whereas, Chippewa County cannot afford to lose a significant number of employees, especially in public safety as a result of the proposed mandate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners for the County of Chippewa opposes a mandate from the federal government to require all employees to be fully vaccinated or be subject to weekly testing; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chippewa County Administration be directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the White house, OSHA, Michigan Association of Counties and the County Employees.

Adopted this 18th day of November 2021

A VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS

AYES: Jim Martin, Robert Savoie, Erik Baron, Scott Shackleton and Ted Postula

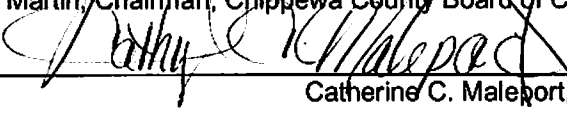
NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION DECLARED ADOPTED



Jim Martin, Chairman, Chippewa County Board of Commissioners



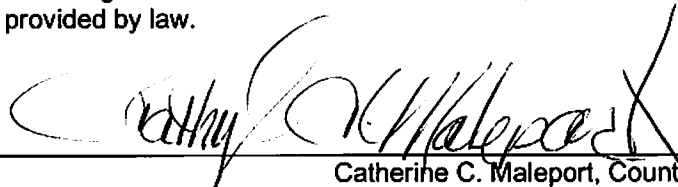
Catherine C. Maleport, County Clerk

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.



Catherine C. Maleport, County Clerk