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**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION OF
COUNTY TREASURER'S DELINQUENT TAX LEGISLATION**

WHEREAS, Michigan residents are now able to pay their property taxes due in large part to Proposal A; and

WHEREAS, Because of the positive effects associated with proposal A, it is now time to re-examine Michigan's statutes pertaining to delinquent taxes and how they might not be serving the best interests of Michigan taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Association of County Treasurers have introduced legislation to make the complicated delinquent tax foreclosure process more taxpayer, school and local government friendly; and

WHEREAS, the MACT legislation shortens the current 6 year redemption process period by a year, and provides for a forfeiture instead of a tax sale; and

WHEREAS, by shortening the redemption period from six years to five, tax delinquent properties will get back on the tax roll sooner and be productive tax revenue generators for both local governments and schools without diminishing opportunities for the taxpayer to redeem; and

WHEREAS, counties and taxing units no longer need the influx of cash that is generated by the annual tax sale because sufficient revenues are now generated by revolving loan funds; and

WHEREAS, the MACT legislation increases notification to the taxpayer to assure the taxpayer is adequately notified that their property tax is delinquent; and

WHEREAS, the MACT legislation also requires the DNR to conduct title searches on tax reverted properties, so that clear title can be obtained to make properties salable; and

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NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton County Board of Commissioners adopt this resolution affirming their support for the Michigan Association of County Treasurer's legislation, House Bills No. 5353, 5354 and Senate Bill No. 791, which would streamline the delinquent tax process and make it more taxpayer friendly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the county's state legislators urging their support of the said legislation.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF CLINTON

I, DIANE ZUKER, Clerk of the County of Clinton do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Clinton County Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting held February 24, 1998 and is on file in the records of this office.

Diane Zuker, Clinton County Clerk