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RESOLUTION 2004-13

SUPPORTING MAINTAINING THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC TRANSIT FUNDING AS IT EXISTS IN THE CURRENT APPROPRIATIONS AND IN THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION FOR FY 2005

Whereas, Public Transportation exists in some form in all 83 Michigan counties and in the majority of Michigan's municipalities, and

Whereas, Public Transportation is funded by a combination of sources including federal, state, and local financing and the historic level of state support has been declining as a percentage of overall support for the past seven years, and

Whereas, The Granholm Administration has proposed a budget for 2005 that holds Public Transportation essentially harmless from further cuts, and

Whereas, The state's Comprehensive Transportation Fund is recognized as a primary source of funding for Public Transportation and these funds are "restricted state funds" intended to be used solely for provision of public transportation services and state administrative support, and

Whereas, Public Transportation is a key economic development tool in local communities, providing essential transportation to work sites, training centers and education facilities, and

Whereas, Public Transportation is recognized and depended upon by countless residents as a vital source of transportation for medical purposes, grocery shopping, employment and consumer activities, and

Whereas, Public Transportation is an integral part of local and statewide economic activity through the wages and salaries of employees, contracting of services and equipment from local vendors, purchasing capital equipment including buses and vans from Michigan-based automotive manufactures that promote the retention of manufacturing jobs in Michigan, and

Whereas, State funds in the Comprehensive Transportation Fund, in addition to funding Public Transportation, provide essential rail passenger and freight, intercity bus service, transportation planning and critical state match funds for significant federal grant funding, and

Whereas, Public Transportation is recognized for its positive contributions to the economic development of Michigan and the local economy, quality of life for employers and employees, senior citizens, students, lower income citizens and the disabled, and

Whereas, Public Transportation contributes significantly to the overall economic vitality of Michigan's counties and demand for public transit services surpass current resources

Therefore, Be It Resolved, Michigan Association of Counties hereby calls upon the members of the State Legislature to fully fund existing positions in the department of Transportation's Multi-Modal Bureau and the state's transportation services, and to expand state funding of these services insomuch as resources allow.

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 April 27, 2004 and is on file in the records of this office.

Diane Zuker, Clinton County Clerk