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**RESOLUTION OPPOSING HB 5980
REGARDING ROAD COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS**

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 5980 proposes an amendment to allow a County Board of Commissioners the option of increasing the number of appointments to the Road Commission from the current level of three (3) members to five (5) members; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 5980 further proposes that if the membership of the Road Commission is increased to five (5) appointed members, then “not less than 2 shall be appointed from a list of 3 to 5 residents of the county submitted by the Michigan Townships Association upon the recommendation of the local township officials in that county”; and

WHEREAS, This proposed process would empower a statewide association to make a determination and recommendation as to who is fit and qualified to serve on a locally appointed board. This is an abhorrent usurpation of local control; and

WHEREAS, House Bill No. 5980 would establish an injurious precedent that limits the decision making ability of locally elected Boards of Commissioners by transferring their authority to an organization whose actions—unlike those of locally elected officials—cannot be held accountable by local taxpayers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Clinton County Board of Commissioners does hereby oppose House Bill No. 5980 as an unwarranted intrusion into the local decision making process and an erosion of the authority of County Boards of Commissioners.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT copies of this adopted resolution be forwarded to the Clinton County Legislators, the Michigan Association of Counties, the Clinton County Road Commission, the County Road Association of Michigan, and the Michigan Township Association.

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 a regular meeting held October 27, 1998 and is on file in the records of this office.

Diane Zuker, County Clerk