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RESOLUTION CHANGING NAME OF GRASS LAKE TO PRIGGOORIS LAKE

WHEREAS, the current name of Grass Lake is believed to have come from the grassy appearance, which originally covered 88 acres; and

WHEREAS, in the 1870's, the lake was drained to help prevent the spread of malaria; and

WHEREAS, in the early 1900's, the lake was again drained to help prevent the spread of malaria and during that time the 88 acre lake was divided into three smaller pools, and

WHEREAS, there are 57 Grass Lakes in the State of Michigan, and

WHEREAS, Angel Priggooris has been credited with preserving the parcel of land containing Grass Lake as open space starting in the 1920's, and

WHEREAS, this parcel of land was officially named Priggooris Park in 1958, and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation has acquired 183 acres of land, including Grass Lake in Section 21, T5N, R1W of Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan, and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation wants to continue the Priggooris legacy, as well as restore the habitat to its natural state, and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation through its Executive Director, Dennis Fijalkowski has requested the name of Grass Lake be changed to Priggooris Lake in a letter dated June 17, 1997, to Bath Charter Township, and

WHEREAS, the Bath Charter Township Board unanimously approved the request at their meeting of October 7, 1997, and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton County Board of Commissioners endorses the request of the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation to change the name of Grass Lake to Priggooris Lake,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this Resolution be sent to the Executive Secretary, Domestic Geographic Names, U.S. Geological Survey, National Center, Mail Stop 523, Reston, Virginia 20192.

STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF CLINTON

I, DIANE ZUKER, Clerk of the Clinton County Board of Commissioner hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted by the Clinton County Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting held October 14, 1997 and is on file in the records of this office.

Diane Zuker, County Clerk