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RESOLUTION 2004-10

WORK FIRST PROGRAM CAPITAL AREA MICHIGAN WORKS!

WHEREAS, the Clinton County is committed to improving the local economy and providing quality job opportunities for all residents of Clinton County; and

WHEREAS, Capital Area Michigan Works! shares in this vision and works diligently to serve Clinton County residents; and

WHEREAS, the welfare recipients of Clinton County are those in highest need of assistance in finding employment, upgrading basic skills and receiving important training to increase employability; and

WHEREAS, Clinton County's employers and businesses significantly benefit from the positive impact of a trained and qualified workforce; and

WHEREAS, Capital Area Michigan Works! operates the Work First program to serve [GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION]'s welfare recipients by placing them into employment and giving them the tools to become self-sufficient citizens who do not need welfare support; and

WHEREAS, Governor Jennifer M. Granholm proposed funding of \$100 million statewide in Fiscal Year 2005 to support welfare reform efforts through Work First, a \$23 million reduction from Fiscal Year 2004, Capital Area Michigan Works! recognizes the fiscal challenges of the State of Michigan and supports Fiscal Year 2005 Work First funding as proposed; and

WHEREAS, current Temporary Assistance to Needy Families funding allocates less than five percent of its total resources to facilitating the transition of welfare recipients to self-sufficient taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, further cuts to Work First funding would render it impossible to operate a productive program; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Clinton County Board of Commissioners support Governor Jennifer M. Granholm's FY 2005 funding recommendations of \$100 million statewide for the Work First program; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Clinton County Board of Commissioners support the use of all funding resources available including GF/GP and additional Temporary Assistance for Needy Families dollars to ensure Work First FY 2005 funding meets at least \$100 million statewide to continue to strengthen the capital area, and Michigan's, welfare reform initiatives, workforce and economy.

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 March 30, 2004 and is on file in the records of this office.

Diane Zuker, Clinton County Clerk