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RESOLUTION 2007-8

REGARDING STATE BUDGET CRISIS

WHEREAS, after seven straight years of state budget deficits and four years of budget cuts, we are facing yet another \$3 billion shortfall in state revenue for the current and 2007-08 fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, the Governor has already cut over \$3.6 billion from the state's budget over the past four years, has cut more from the state's budget than any previous governor and is operating the state with fewer state employees than we had in 1970; and

WHEREAS, we have cut major taxes over 32 times in the past decade, our unemployment rate remains one of the highest in the country, and our auto industry continues to struggle; and

WHEREAS, the Single Business Tax (SBT), the primary tax paid by businesses in Michigan, will be entirely phased out by the end of the year with no replacement for the \$1.2 billion in revenue generated from this tax; and

WHEREAS, higher education in Michigan has already been cut by \$250 million which has resulted in college students and their families having to pay double digit tuition increases and a college education moving further out of reach for the state's middle class; and

WHEREAS, funding for local governments has been cut by \$2 billion the last five years resulting in a loss of over 1,600 police officers and 2,000 fire fighters statewide thereby compromising the safety of our local communities; and

WHEREAS, further cuts to state safety net programs for food assistance, childcare and health care will only result in a shift of demand to already overburdened county and municipal programs.

WHEREAS, that Clinton County cannot sustain further cuts in essential state services and that further funding cuts will result in a loss of quality of life for the citizens of this state and an inability to attract new business to our communities; and

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Michigan Legislature must demonstrate bipartisan leadership by 1) identifying a full replacement for the SBT and, 2) affirming their commitment to finding funding solutions to address the budget deficit in a manner that will move Michigan into a sound economic future and ensure a high quality of life for our residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be transmitted to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Alan Cropsy, Representative Richard Ball and Representative Paul Opsommer, and all County Clerks.

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 26, 2007 and is on file in the records of this office.

Diane Zuker, Clinton County Clerk