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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE ADOPTION OF SENATE BILL 449 AS WRITTEN BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

WHEREAS, the police departments throughout the state of Michigan depend, in part, upon part-time law enforcement officers for protection of the citizens and community; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) adopted an administrative rule mandating that police officers must work a minimum of 520 hours to remain certified; and

WHEREAS, the opposition to this 520 hour rule has been overwhelming, widespread, and near unanimous; and

WHEREAS, the current law (with no hourly standard) has worked for more than 45 years, and the proposed 520 hour rule is being implemented with no legitimate stated and valid purpose; and

WHEREAS, an organized movement of Police Chiefs has successfully lobbied for legislation to set the minimum hour standard at 120 hours, as described in Senate Bill 449; and

WHEREAS, the 120 hour compromise is equal to the only other hourly certification standard in the nation, being the State of Idaho; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 449 passed on June 25, 2009 on a bi-partisan and unanimous vote of 34 to 0; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 449 has languished in the House Judiciary Committee since June 25, 2009, without being sent to the floor for a vote; and

WHEREAS, failure of the House to pass Senate Bill 449, as written, will cause an unfunded mandate when County Sheriff's have to fill the void of local departments cutting officers, the loss of local control, as well as the loss of more police officers from our streets.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Clinton County Board of Commissioners hereby calls upon the House of Representatives to swiftly pass Senate Bill 449, as written.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clinton County Clerk be directed to forward this resolution to the Speaker of the House.

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 September 28, 2010 and is on file in the records of this office.

Diane Zuker, Clinton County Clerk