

**Iron County Board of Commissioners**  
**RESOLUTION**  
Emergency Management and Safe Schools

**WHEREAS**, The Office of School Safety created under the Michigan Public Act (PA) 435 of 2018, alongside Michigan Public Act 670 of 2018, identifies the department of Michigan State Police as being the exclusive agency responsible for all Michigan schools with respect to, but not limited to education, training, reporting and building assessments pertaining to safety and security using an all- hazards approach; and

**WHEREAS**, the Upper Peninsula ( Region 8) Public Act 390 programs, have been undertaking safe school training and safe school professional development since 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, current Michigan law requires Emergency Management to oversee school drills; and

**WHEREAS**, the appointment of school safety to the department of Michigan State police circumvents the underlying core functions of emergency management which is placing school safety programs under the umbrella of all-hazards emergency management planning; and

**WHEREAS**, local responders and local Public Act 390 emergency management programs are far more aware of school dynamics, as they have on-going working relationships with school staff, regularly communicate, plan, and exercise emergency action plans with said schools; and

**WHEREAS**, funds for a new division could be better used by redistributing to existing local emergency management Public Act 390 programs that are already providing safe school protocols in their respective jurisdictions; and

**WHEREAS**, the Office of School Safety should be established within the Michigan State Police department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (MSP EMHSD) Which under the Michigan Public Act 390 of 1978 statutorily appoints the MSP EMHSD as the administrator of emergency management within Michigan and the fiduciary for the distribution of grant monies across all of Michigan's 83 counties in collaboration with local emergency managers.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that** the Michigan Emergency Management Association (MEMA) requests the Michigan Legislature amend the Office of School Safety placing it within the MSP EMHSD to coordinate the distribution of school security funds with local community response personnel and local Public Act 390 emergency managers.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all Upper Peninsula counties, the Upper Peninsula Commission for Area Progress (UPCAP), the Michigan Townships Association, the Michigan Association of Counties, Upper Peninsula Legislators and Governor Whitmer.

Commissioner Sharon Leonoff offered the resolution that was supported by

Commissioner Ray Coates and the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Yeas: Aho, Coates, Leonoff, Peretto, Stafford

Nays: None

Absent: None

I hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted at a meeting of the Board of the County Commissioners of the County of Iron on December 10, 2019.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF THE COUNTY OF IRON**

By Patti A. Peretto  
Patti A. Peretto  
It's Chair

By Julie Kezerle  
Julie Kezerle  
It's Clerk

