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Iron County Board of Commissioners RESOLUTION

Iron County Support of the Iron County Road Commission Opposing Senate Bill 396

WHEREAS, roads are the backbone to the social, cultural and economic stability of Iron County and the Upper Peninsula; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill (SB) 396 (S-5) passed and reported out of the Senate Transportation Committee on September 6, 2018 allows exemptions from seasonal weight restrictions (aka "frost laws") to the forest product industry during the spring thaw when roads are the most vulnerable to damage from heavy loads; and

WHEREAS, it is a fact in Iron County and throughout the northern states that roads become soft in the spring and applying unrestricted 164,000 pound truck loading on soft roads is unwise and a law allowing such is poor public policy; and

WHEREAS, SB-396 also grants exemptions to the forest industry that will allow the hauling of forest products and transport of equipment on the public road system without obtaining proper permits from road authorities at all times of the year; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of SB 396 WILL result in damage to the public road system; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of SB 396 WILL negatively impact the traveling public accessing the road system, resulting in burdening road authorities with expensive reactive maintenance repairs and significantly increased taxpayer

WHEREAS, the provisions in SB 396 and subsequent impacts to the local road system WILL negatively impact the health, safety and welfare of Iron County residents and the traveling public; and

WHEREAS, the Iron County Road Commission and the other road commissions throughout the Upper Peninsula work closely with the logging industry to keep the economic vitality of the County and the Upper Peninsula moving by continuously monitoring road conditions and permitting the logging industry to move equipment and material on roads when roads can structurally support such loading without negatively impacting the road system and the traveling public;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Road Commissioners of Iron County hereby STRONGLY opposes SB 396, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Rick Snyder, State Senators Tom Casperson,

Arlan Meekhof and Jim Ananich and House Speaker Tom Leonard and House Minority Leader Sam Singh.

Commissioner JIM BRENNAN offered the resolution that was supported by

Commissioner RAY COATES and the resolution was adopted by the following vote:

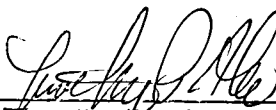
Yeas: Brennan, Coates, Leonoff, Peretto

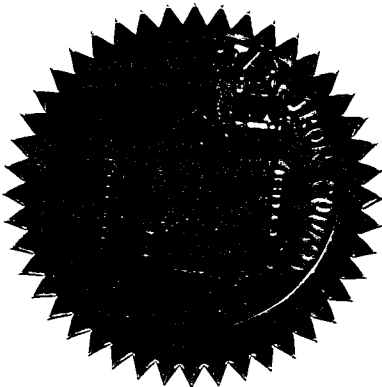
Nays: Aho

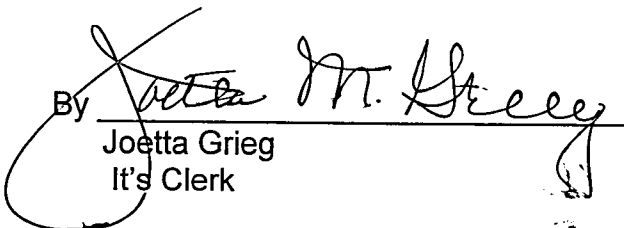
Absent: None

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 October 16, 2018.

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

By 
Timothy F. Aho
It's Chair



By 
Joetta Grieg
It's Clerk