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## RESOLUTION OPPOSING PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE STATEWIDE SEPTIC CODE (HB 5752 & HB 5753)

### Iron County Board of Commissioners

**WHEREAS**, House Bill 5752 and 5753 would add Part 128 to the Public Health Code and establish state and local standards for onsite wastewater treatment systems which would require the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to develop a statewide code to govern the installation, operation, maintenance and inspection of septic systems;

**WHEREAS**, The Amendatory Act restrict and removes local controls and changes existing regulations and guidelines that have been effectively enforced by counties and health departments cross the Upper Peninsula; and

**WHEREAS**, The Amendatory Act would add additional mandates that would increase the amount of personnel time and expenses that Upper Peninsula Health Departments would incur under the new Act without adequate funding from the state; and

**WHEREAS**, The Amendatory Act would gut existing regulations and grant the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality authority to approve local sanitary codes which, in effect, eliminate local control and undermines the duties of local health departments to implement and enforce laws; and

**WHEREAS**, The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality lacks the necessary budget and staffing levels to meet the mandates of this Amendatory Act which will place an additional financial burden on local authorities; and

**WHEREAS**, The creation of the State Technical Advisory Committee under the Act would take away and replace local control of the design, permitting, inspection and management of onsite wastewater treatment facilities and limit input into the rulemaking process to four local health department representatives; and

**WHEREAS**, The Amendatory Act fails to address funding for distressed homeowners and vacated properties with onsite wastewater treatment systems;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Iron County Board of Commissioners opposes HB 5752 and HB 5753 and requests State Legislators to oppose the legislation.

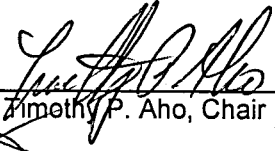
The foregoing resolution was moved by Commissioner SHARON LEONOFF and supported by Commissioner JIM BRENNAN.

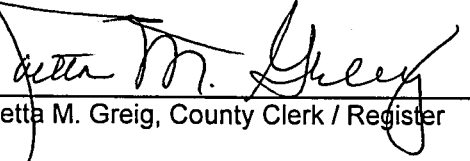
Roll Call Vote:

- AYES: Aho, Brennan, Coates, Leonoff, Peretto
- NAYES: None
- ABSENT: None

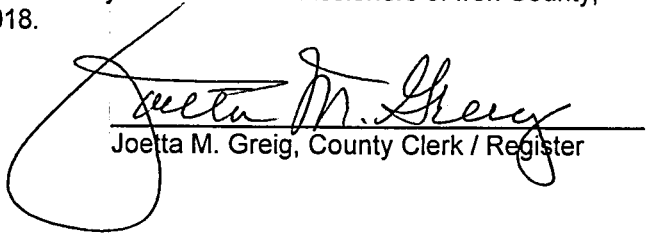
Resolution Declared Adopted:

COUNTY OF IRON  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

By:   
Timothy P. Aho, Chair

By:   
Joetta M. Greig, County Clerk / Register

I, Joetta M. Greig, Iron County Clerk/ Register, do hereby certify that the foregoing constitutes a true and complete copy of the Resolution adopted by the Iron County Board of Commissioners of Iron County, Michigan at their regular meeting held June 12, 2018.

  
Joetta M. Greig, County Clerk / Register