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RESOLUTION TO PRESERVE THE PUBLIC MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM

WHEREAS, Michigan's public mental health system provides one of the broadest array of cutting edge, community-based mental health services and supports throughout our Upper Peninsula region; and

WHEREAS, Community Mental Health Service Programs (CMHSPs) were created by County Boards of Commissioners as duly authorized under 330.1205 of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and

WHEREAS, Five CMHSPs representing fifteen counties in the Upper Peninsula created a regional entity, NorthCare Network, to manage Medicaid specialty services as duly authorized under 330.1204b of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and

WHEREAS, County Boards of Commissioners across the Upper Peninsula region support the preservation of the current public mental health system delivery and management; and

WHEREAS, All five CMHSPs in the Upper Peninsula region (Copper Country CMH, Gogebic CMH, Hiawatha Behavioral Health, Northpointe Behavioral Health and Pathways CMH) support the preservation of the current public mental health system delivery and management; and

WHEREAS, Senate and House 298/234 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2018 effectively nullifies the duly authorized actions taken by Community Mental Health Service Programs to create a regional entity under section 330.204b of the Michigan Mental Health Code; and

WHEREAS, Section 298/234 of the Executive Budget recommendations for 2018 have no accountability to the Upper Peninsula's fifteen County Boards of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, County Boards of Commissioners across the Upper Peninsula oppose Section 298/234 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2018 to implement health plan led pilots; and

WHEREAS, County Boards of Commissioners across the Upper Peninsula oppose any involvement in a pilot program in the Upper Peninsula region; and



THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

That the Iron County Board of Commissioners opposes Section 298/234 of the Executive Budget recommendation for 2018 and encourages the Governor, State Senate, and State House of Representatives to prevent it from becoming law.

Dated: 6-13-2017

Timothy P. Aho
Timothy P. Aho, Board Chair

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