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March 23, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY: Your County Personnel and Human Services Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Berrien County owns and operates Madeline Bertrand County Park, a very popular recreation area in Niles Township; and

WHEREAS, removal and replacement of the nearly 40 year old River Shelter, due to age and environmental deterioration, was a priority in the 2015-2019 Berrien County Parks and Recreation Five Year Plan, and remains a priority in the 2020-2024 current Plan; and

WHEREAS, a Michigan Recreation Passport grant would cover up to 75% of the estimated \$200,000 for removal and replacement of the shelter and landscaping around the project area; and

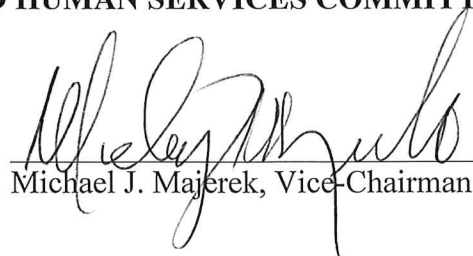
WHEREAS, the grant requires a minimum of 25% grant match that would come from the Berrien County Parks Commission budget and/or the Parks Endowment fund; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2023, a public hearing was held on the proposed project to accept comments.



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the Parks Department to apply for maximum amount of \$150,000 Michigan Recreation Passport grant with a required minimum match of \$50,000 for an estimated project cost of \$200,000 for this park improvement.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
BERRIEN COUNTY PERSONNEL AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE**


Robert P. Harrison, Chairperson


Michael J. Majerek, Vice-Chairman

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RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
Administrative 	Date 3-21
Comments/Attachments	
Corporate Counsel 	Date 3/23/23
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