

TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY: Your County Finance Committee respectfully recommends the adoption of the following:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan's Fiscal Year 2024 budget includes a grant to provide funding for the implementation and execution of early voting as required under Section 4(1)(m) of Article II of the Constitution of Michigan of 1963 and in accordance with Public Acts 81-88 of 2023; and

WHEREAS, under Section 4(1)(m) of Article II of the Constitution of Michigan of 1963, registered electors have the right to vote in each statewide and federal election in person at an early voting site prior to Election Day; and

WHEREAS, the Berrien County Clerk's Office is in negotiations with multiple municipalities of the County to accommodate early voting sites and will be entering into County Early Voting Site Agreement(s) with those municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of State and the Michigan Bureau of Elections have made available an unspecified amount of grant money to fund election materials, equipment, vendor support, and staffing support for early voting implementation of County Early Voting Site Agreement(s); and

WHEREAS, the grant will require no match; and

WHEREAS, in order to be eligible for funding, county clerks must complete and submit the application, along with the countywide early voting plan, by September 8, 2023.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Clerk to submit the Early Voting Grant Application on behalf of Berrien County to the Michigan Department of State and Michigan Bureau of Elections.

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
BERRIEN COUNTY FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mamie L. Yarbrough, Chairperson

Jon Hinkelman, Vice Chairperson

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RESOLUTION APPROVED AS TO FORM	
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