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POLICY COMMITTEE

Friday, May 1, 2009
10:30 A.M.

Courthouse & Government Center
Board of Commissioner's Room

AGENDA

1. 10:30 A.M. - Marilyn Kliber, County Clerk, will appear before the Committee to request funds from the Education Fund.
2. Review and discuss miscellaneous Resolutions from other Counties. (APPENDIX A)
3. Other items from Committee members.
4. Adjournment.



Reaching
Out
Against
Road
Rage

Mr. Allen O'Shea
Commissioner, Chair, District 2
415 Third Street
County Courthouse
Manistee, MI 49660-1606

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April 23, 2009

Dear Commissioner O'Shea:

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR PROCLAMATION

Let me take this opportunity on behalf of the R.O.A.R.R. Board of Directors to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your continued support over the past five years. You have been unwavering in assisting R.O.A.R.R., Inc. (Reaching Out Against Road Rage) to achieve its mission to protect against Road Rage, to prevent Road Rage, and promote the prolonging of life against the acts of Road Rage. Our focus this year is to educate the public-at-large about the virtues of driving using patience and practicing road courtesy; because 'Road Courtesy' saves lives.

Driving courteously is an important factor in the prevention and/or reduction of Road Rage incidents. It all begins with everyone allowing themselves enough time to get from point A to point B and taking a deep breath when an unforeseen driving mishap occurs. The driving public needs to learn to become proactive instead of reactive to situations when someone makes a mistake. No one owns the road outright, but we drive as if we do. Driving is a privilege, not an entitlement.

We are in another year and we are requesting your continued partnership with R.O.A.R.R., Inc.; to help us to raise awareness via media outlets; educate new drivers and the public-at-large about Road Rage and its consequences. In addition, as an awareness campaign and as a memorial to all Road Rage victims and their families throughout the state of Michigan, we again ask that you submit a resolution proclaiming the week of July 12 – 18, 2009, as "Road Rage Awareness Week." Please find enclosed a draft copy of the Proclamation.

We welcome your questions or comments. Please feel free to contact our organization at anytime, using our toll-free number, which is: 1.877.597.6277. Our email address is: kshabazz20@aol.com and please visit our website at www.roarrinc.org. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Kay Shabazz

Mrs. Kay Shabazz, Director
R.O.A.R.R. (Reaching Out Against Road Rage), Inc.

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*- adopted last year -
want them to do
it again.*

RESOLUTION: Proclaiming July 12 -18, 2009 as "Road Rage Awareness Week"

It is with urgency that we continue to persist on getting the message out that "Road Rage Kills" and Only We can prevent it. We must continue to educate our public through our billboards, brochures, literature as well as presentations to our high school and college students, driver education classes with seminars, conferences, forums, workshops, and by any means necessary.

Whereas, Reaching Out Against Road Rage, Inc. (R.O.A.R.R.), Inc., a non profit (501c3 tax exempt) organization located in Muskegon County, within the state of Michigan, has a mission, which consists of the three P's: **prevention** of Road Rage; **protection** and support of victims against Road Rage; and the **promotion** of life by saving lives.

Whereas, to achieve this mission R.O.A.R.R., Inc. is promoting awareness and education on the prevention of Road Rage; working in an effort to reduce the number of incidents; and advocate support and assistance to victims and their families in their recovery process.

Whereas, the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration (NHTSA) defines Road Rage as "an assault with a motor vehicle or other dangerous weapon by the operator or passenger(s) of another motor vehicle or an assault precipitated by an incident that occurred on a roadway"

Whereas, a study done by the AAA Foundation indicates an average of at least 1,500 men, women, and children are injured or killed each year in the United States from the violent acts of Road Rage.

Whereas, R.O.A.R.R., Inc. understands that to solve a problem, we must first be aware of the problem. Road Rage is a growing problem in Michigan as well as in our country.

Whereas, R.O.A.R.R., Inc., recognizes that drivers face roads wrought with death due in part to the rage in other drivers and themselves.

Whereas, we must stop the killing, injuries, and mental anguish; we must work together as a community; and reprogram the destructive attitudes and behaviors that cause Road Rage.

Be it Resolved, that the organization R.O.A.R.R., Inc., Board of Directors, Kay Shabazz, President, and other individuals and organizations are partnered in a "Road Rage Awareness Campaign" to bring closure to the escalating Road Rage problem.

Be it Resolved, that we urge support and collaboration to adopt the week of July 12 - 18, 2009, as "Road Rage Awareness Week".

Be it therefore resolved, that the week of July 12 - 18, 2009, be proclaimed as "Road Rage Awareness Week", thus promoting prevention of a dysfunctional act to improve traffic safety.

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Resolution

WHEREAS, The property tax system in the State of Michigan is an ad valorem system and as such property owners pay, within the framework of the constitution, equitable taxes based on the value of their property; and,

WHEREAS, Proposal A was passed by the voters of the State of Michigan in 1994 to limit the increase in taxable value, within the existing and continuing ad valorem framework, in such a way as to allow a property owner to predict future property tax burden by the change in the consumer price index and physical improvements to the property while that owner held the property; and,

WHEREAS, Many property owners have received significant benefit from the limitation on increase in taxable value mandated by Proposal A by paying property taxes on a basis less than the value of their property and continue to realized that significant benefit in the current economic circumstances; and,

WHEREAS, Recent purchasers of property, many younger and with less stability in their finances, are already shouldering a greater share of the relative tax burden because the basis for their property taxes is the full value of their property; and,

WHEREAS, The Michigan Senate has passed Senate Joint Resolution H, (SJR-H), a proposal to amend Article 9, Section 3 of the 1963 Constitution of the State of Michigan by requiring that, effective in 2010, the taxable value of a property would be unchanged if the assessed value of that property declined and the taxable value was less than the assessed value; and,

WHEREAS, While the intent of Proposal A was to provide stability and predictability for property owners, the intent of this proposed amendment is to, in declining markets, freeze the position of relative tax benefit that certain property owners enjoy while other property owners continue to pay property taxes on the constitutional ad valorem basis; and,

WHEREAS, In addition to the unfair shift in relative tax burden that will result from this proposal, the reduced revenue to local taxing authorities will likely result in reduced services, increased millage rates or both, which will exacerbate the shift in the relative tax burden.

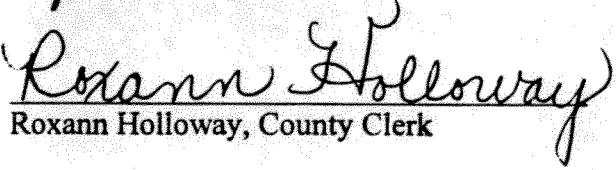
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners opposes Senate Joint Resolution H, (SJR-H), because the proposal contradicts the long history of a fair and equitable tax structure in the State of Michigan and promotes poor tax policy by shifting the relative tax burden of the property tax without regard to the consequences to affected taxpayers and local taxing authorities; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that while the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners opposes SJR-H because it does not provide an equitable solution to Michigan's property tax concerns, the Lenawee County Board requests that the Legislature of the State of Michigan work together with the Governor to examine all taxes, including the Michigan Business Tax, income tax, sales tax, use tax and property tax, with a goal of providing a means of generating revenue and managing expenditures that is fair and equitable to all the taxpayers of the state; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, Senator Cameron Brown, Representative Dudley Spade, Representative Mike Simpson, the Michigan Association of Counties, the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Townships Association, the Clerks of all Municipalities within Lenawee County, and the County Clerks of all Michigan Counties.

Passed by roll call vote of the Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held on April 8, 2009 in the Old County Courthouse, Adrian, Michigan.


James E. Van Boren, Chair


Roxann Holloway, County Clerk



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To: Governor Jennifer Granholm
Senator Jim Barcia
Rep. Jeff Mayes
Rep. Tim Moore
Michigan Association of Counties

From: Bay County Board of Commissioners

Date: March 22, 2009

Re: Hire Michigan First

Attached please find a copy of resolution no. 2009-49 introduced by Commissioner Brian K. Elder (7th District) and adopted by the Bay County Board of Commissioners at their meeting April 14, 2009. This resolution strongly urges support for legislation entitled "Hire Michigan First", requiring that when companies benefit from taxpayer dollars in the form of contracts, tax breaks or other incentives, Michigan residents will have the first opportunity to be hired in these jobs.

We urge your support of Bay County's "Hire Michigan First" resolution.

cc: Michigan Counties
Bay County Commissioners

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No. 2009-49

BAY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

4/14/09

RESOLUTION

BY: WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE (4/7/09)

WHEREAS, A package of twelve bills of great importance to Michigan citizens and Michigan workers have passed the House of Representatives and is under consideration by the Michigan Senate; and

WHEREAS, This package was developed by Representative Fred Miller and is entitled "Hire Michigan First" and its intent is that when companies benefit from taxpayer dollars in the form of contracts, tax breaks or other incentives, Michigan residents will have the first opportunity to be hired in these jobs; and

WHEREAS, The bills amend the various laws that provide economic incentives for new jobs, new companies and/or new construction to mandate that any one receiving state tax dollars to assist in their job development will have to hire Michigan workers before importing people from out of state for the new jobs; and

WHEREAS, This requirement would apply to companies that get tax breaks in any form, as well as the contracting out of employment for construction or other services; and

WHEREAS, Exceptions are allowed only if Michigan residents are not available or trained for specific jobs, the hiring of illegal workers is banned; and

WHEREAS, The bills include strict reporting requirements so that the state can actually track the success of the Michigan hiring and there are strong penalties attached for anyone or any company that does not live up to the commitments made in the initial contract between the state and the company receiving the tax break; and

WHEREAS, It is important for the citizens of Michigan to know that they will come first for consideration of good-paying jobs generated by Michigan businesses; Therefore, Be It

RESOLVED That the Bay County Board of Commissioners endorses the "Hire Michigan First" legislation and urges our legislators to support this important legislation; Be It Further

RESOLVED That copies of this resolution be forwarded to Governor Granholm, Senator Barcia, Representatives Mayes and Moore, the Michigan Association of Counties and the other 82 Michigan counties.

BRIAN K. ELDER, CHAIR
AND COMMITTEE

Sponsored by Brian K. Elder, 7th District Commissioner
Hire Michigan First

MOVED BY COMM Elder
SUPPORTED BY COMM Tilley

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E	COMMISSIONER	Y	N	E
Michael J. Duranczyk	✓			Dawn A. Kilde	✓			Brian K. Elder	✓		
Patrick H. Beson	✓			Ernie Krygier	✓			Eugene F. Gwizdala	✓		
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