

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 (“Park”), a very popular recreation area regionally recognized as the location that uniquely borders Indiana with shared trails on the St. Joseph River; and

WHEREAS, in March of 2020 the Berrien County Board of Commissioners authorized the Parks Department to apply for a land acquisition grant through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund via resolution #P2003200, for the purposes of purchasing 33 acres for an addition to the Park; and

WHEREAS, Berrien County is being awarded \$300,000 from the Michigan Department Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant (Grant #TF020-0182) for the purposes of purchasing approximately thirty-three (33) acres along the St. Joseph River that adjoins the Park, and has budgeted the match of \$110,800; and

WHEREAS, the attached Project Agreement, boundary map and legal description describes the purpose and scope of the acquisition for accepting the grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners does hereby accept the terms of the Project Agreement as received from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and authorizes the Berrien County Parks Director to execute said agreement on behalf of Berrien County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED as reflected in said agreement that Berrien County does hereby specifically agree, but not by way of limitation, to the following:

1. To appropriate all funds necessary to complete the project during the project period and to provide \$110,800 to match the grant authorized by the Department.
2. To maintain satisfactory financial accounts, document, and records to make them available to the Department for auditing at reasonable times in perpetuity.
3. To regulate the use of the property acquired and reserved under this Agreement to assure the use thereof by the public on equal and reasonable terms.
4. To comply with any and all terms of said Agreement including all terms not specifically set forth in the forgoing portions of this Resolution.

**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	
Administrator <u>[Signature]</u>	Date <u>6-2-21</u>
Comments Attached _____	
Corporate Counsel _____	Date _____