



BERRIEN COUNTY  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
RESOLUTION  
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October 21, 2021

WHEREAS, John Edward Dewane was born in Menominee, Michigan in January of 1940; and

WHEREAS, following high school he received both his undergraduate and J.D. degrees from the University of Michigan and served his country for six years in the Army Reserves; and

WHEREAS, he and his wife raised their two children right here in Berrien County where he practiced law for nearly 40 years; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, he was appointed as Berrien County Circuit Court Judge by Governor Jennifer Granholm, serving Berrien County well until his retirement in 2015; and

WHEREAS, since his retirement, John Dewane has served as both interim Corporate Counsel, and special counsel to the Berrien County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, his knowledge of the law, work ethic, dedication, and professionalism is noted by many of those in the legal community and was a great asset to the citizens of Berrien County; and

WHEREAS, beyond the legal community, Judge served actively on multiple boards and community organizations; and

WHEREAS, sadly, the Honorable John Edward Dewane passed away on October 14, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners deems it appropriate to honor the Honorable John Edward Dewane for the great man, attorney, and community member that he was and expresses their deepest sympathy to his family.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that his life, actions, and contributions reflect most favorably upon himself, his family, Berrien County, the State of Michigan and the United States of America.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED **GO BLUE!**

RESPECTFULLY,  
BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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