

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING MEMBERS OF THE SAFER PROGRAM FOR THEIR WORK IN PROTECTING WATER QUALITY

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County SAFER Program is a community based water quality organization in Washtenaw County working to protect groundwater quality; and

WHEREAS, most residents of Washtenaw County rely on groundwater for their drinking water needs; and

WHEREAS, the SAFER water quality program supports Washtenaw County's Guiding Principles of focusing on root causes and collaboration and cooperation; and

WHEREAS, SAFER has been awarded the 1997 Groundwater Guardian Award from the National Groundwater Foundation for its efforts to protect water quality; and

WHEREAS, SAFER is a collaborative group whose members include the Huron River Watershed Council, the League of Women Voters, the Natural Resources Conservation Service, MSU Extension, the Drain Commissioner's Office, and the Planning Commission, and is chaired by Washtenaw County Department of Environment and Infrastructure Services; and

WHEREAS, members' efforts to protect groundwater quality have included conducting workshops for the public, providing educational programs, working with local businesses to promote best management practices, conducting an abandoned well survey, providing information on the internet, and auditing homes and farms for groundwater protection;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby commends SAFER members for their work in protecting public health and safety through groundwater protection in honor of Earth Day.

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